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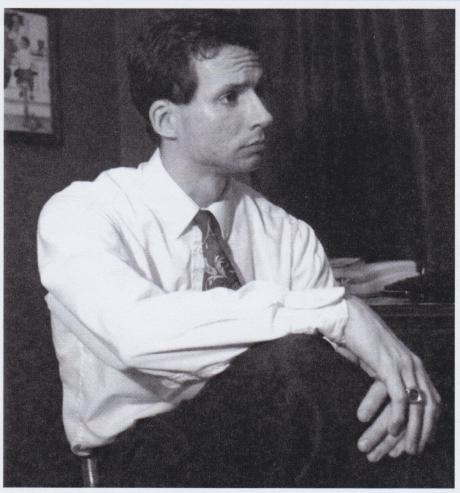

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Editorial

Welcome to issue 75 of *Heritage and Destiny.* Normally this issue carries a detailed report of the annual John Tyndall Memorial Meeting, which *H&D* has hosted in Preston since 2010. Sadly, for a number of reasons this year the meeting did not take place at all.

Those of you who attended last year will remember that for the first time the meeting suffered organised opposition from an alliance of communists, anarchists and Irish republicans. So what drew this rag tag bunch of social misfits to Preston, when in previous years they had stayed away?

Less than two months before the JTMM was due to take place, a tiny group of so-called nationalists announced that they would be holding an anti-Islam march and rally in Preston city centre, on the same day as our meeting.

We thought this was very odd at the time that so-called nationalists would want to demonstrate on exactly the same day and in the very same city that we were holding the JTMM, but decided to make the best of it and just ignore them.

However, sadly things got worse when the policeman in charge of the day's events called me up to inform me that he was letting the anti-Islam demonstration meet up in not only the same part of Preston as the JTMM was being held, but in the very same street! I remember saying to him, "you are joking right" and "you want it to kick-off – right?" He did not reply.

Well of course it did kick-off, although thankfully the leftists failed to get into our venue and disrupt our meeting, due to our very effective BM-LG security team. What they did do was use social-media to threaten the owners and staff of the venue where we were meeting. After posting the venue's phone number on line, they urged fellow lefties to call the venue up and threaten the staff – which they did.

Some IRA supporter even threatened to kill the elderly barmaid, who was serving our people drinks in the downstairs bar.

So to cut a long story short, the owners of the venue who had been very supportive of us in the past, changed their tune and decided to distance themselves from us, and of course any suggestion that we could use that venue again was out of the question.

John Tyndall (*left*) and Paul Kavanagh in 1979. Wreckers tried - but failed - to stop last years' JTMM

I have never held the "Joe Owens" view, that the modern nationalist movement has been infiltrated by many dozens of state spies and *Searchlight/HNH* ops. However, I would agree at any one time the state would put a small number of wreckers into our movement, not so much to find out what's going on (as they know most of that already via Facebook), but to sow the seeds of discontent and turn comrade against comrade, and split what little there is of a movement up into even smaller bits.

The JTMM was one of the very few success stories the movement could crow about. Starting off with an attendance of under 40 in 2010, it reached over 130 last year, with over a dozen different nationalist parties and groups in the same room – talking to each other! The wreckers and their handlers just could not let this carry on. They just had to stop it and they did.

Two of the main organisers of the anti-Islam march, were Kevin McMahon formerly of the NF (he was later expelled from the NF after they discovered he was an *agent provocateur*) and Paul Prodromou (AKA Paul Pitt) of the South East Alliance (who organised the Dover riot, but was strangely never charged). These were guys who decided (on Police instructions) to hold their silly little (only 60 attended) march on the same day and in the same city – even on the same street – as the JTMM.

Joe Owens is wrong that our movement is chock-a-block with informers, spies, assets and agents. But there are definitely some there, we will just never know how many. Joe Owens recently asked Max Musson of *Western Spring* to name just a couple of these agents. For whatever reason he couldn't/wouldn't. Well we at *H&D* are not so bashful, we have named two, and we will be naming more. Watch this space.

If you are an active Nationalist why not buy some extra copies of this issue to give out (or sell them!) at your next branch meeting – it's another great issue and should 'sell like hot cakes'! And as always we also need your regular donations – however large or small, every Dollar, Pound or even Euro counts. Please try and send in whatever you can afford. Thanks once again for your support, together we will win.

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Islam and the Nationalist Movement

Time for a New Understanding?

I found the story of Muhammed John Webster, the British fascist and convert to Islam featured in *H&D* (No. 70) of interest. Wikipedia is in my opinion biased and incorrect at times. I very much doubt that Mr Webster abandoned Islam and became a humanist during the 1960s, as he remained President of the English Muslim Mission and he continued to hold public open-air Islamic meetings attended by members of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement at Hyde Park Speaker's Corner in London during the 1970s, protected by Palestinian Muslim bodyguards. I am also sceptical that he was ever a practising sodomite which is *haram* (forbidden in Islam and also in Christianity).

Another Mosley supporter and prominent member of the British Union of Fascists who was a British convert to Islam was Sir Abdullah Archibald Hamilton who attended Woking Mosque during the 1930s, the same place of worship where an early British convert, Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthall preached sermons: Pickthall's *The Meaning of the Glorious Qur'an* (**www.idci.co.uk**) was one of the first English translations with explanatory notes acceptable to Muslims (previous translations had included footnotes critical of Islam).

The BUF's expert on the Muslim and Arab World was Captain Robert Gordon-Canning who wrote the pamphlet *The Holy Land: Arab or Jew?* a pro-Palestinian tract. Arnold Spencer Leese, the leader of the Imperial Fascist League wrote *Devilry in the Holy Land* with a cartoon of an Arab Muslim on the front cover dispossessed of his Palestine home by Zionism. A former member of UM, Francis Parker Yockey who founded the European Liberation Front, visited Muslim Egypt to forge links with President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

It is now forgotten by many of today's Nationalists who oppose Islam that both John Tyndall and Colin Jordan of the British National Socialist Movement (NSM) made contacts with Egyptian and Arab Muslim groups and individuals including diplomatic representatives, and figures such as Colonel Saad Mohamed el-Husseiny el-Shazly of the United Arab Republic, who shared a mutual worldview of opposition to Zionism and Organised Jewry during the 1960s. Tyndall was an agnostic and Jordan was critical of Christianity while having Christian friends such as Rosine de Bounevialle, editor of *Candour – the British Views Letter* first founded by A.K. Chesterton.

Former British Movement leader and pro-Christian, Dermot "Michael Walsh" McLaughlin has always opposed the Jewish Zionist occupation of Arab Muslim Palestine. The League of St George journal *League Review* published articles and cartoons during the 1970s and 1980s supporting the Muslim anti-Communists in Turkey, Iranian Islamic Revolutionaries and the Islamic Resistance to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The Political Soldiers of the 1980s, radical National Front including Derek Holland and Nick Griffin supported Muslim anti-Zionists such as Muhammar Gaddafi of Libya, Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran and The Nation of Islam in the USA, and the NF backed Social Credit and also Distributism as advocated by the Catholic Traditionalist writers, G.K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc.

In fantasist and traitor Ray Hill's book *The Other Face of Terror: Inside Europe's Neo-Nazi Network* (1988) he attacks Saudi Arabian, Iranian, Libyan, Kuwaiti, Pakistani, Palestinian and World Muslim League funding for various British Nationalist and National Socialist anti-Zionist and Historical Revisionist projects. In more recent years, when Griffin became the chairman of the British National Party, he took it in an anti-Islamic direction and he even appeared to sympathise with the Israeli bombing of Palestinians in Gaza on BBC's *Question Time* television programme, although he later visited Damascus and opposed Western threats to attack predominantly Muslim Syria. Griffin currently seems to have returned to the anti-Zionist stance of his youth although he remains hostile to Islam.

Egypt's Col. (later Gen.) Saad el-Shazly, Commander of Special Forces (1967-69) and Chief of Staff until 1973. During the early 1960s as military attaché in London, Col. el-Shazly had close ties to British nationalists including Colin Jordan and John Tyndall. Shortly before his death aged 88 in 2011, he was a hero for the young protesters of the Arab Spring, who forced the resignation of Egypt's pro-Zionist dictator Mubarak.

During the Second World War there were Bosnian, Albanian, Arab, North African, Turkic, Azerbaijani, Tatar and other Islamic volunteers, units and divisions in the German Wehrmacht and Waffen SS who waged Jihad against mass murdering Atheist Communism alongside Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and even Jewish recruits.

"In the Caucasus whole peoples, such as the Kabardines and Balkars have been literally wiped out. The Mohammedan population have been specifically sought out as they were suspected of having been too friendly to the Germans, and the priests, cadis, mullahs and so on, were ruthlessly slaughtered, which did not stop the Bolsheviks sending 7,000 women and children from one town into a concentration camp in which they were starved to death...When the Germans advanced and reoccupied this town only two thousand of the inmates of this camp were still alive." – *England and Europe* (1943) by John Amery (leader of the Legion of St George).

Hitler was friendly towards the Muslim World and he invited the Grand Mufti of Palestine, Muhammed Amin al-Husseini to a meeting in Berlin to discuss an alliance between Islam and National Socialism against World Jewry. The Mufti was given political asylum in Germany after being exiled from his homeland following the brutal crushing of the Arab Revolt of 1936-1939 against Jewish immigration into British Mandate Palestine. (By 1941 any co-operation between the German National Socialists and the Jewish Zionists under the Haavara Transfer Agreement had broken down, and in any case Hitler had predicted in *Mein Kampf* that the establishment of a Jewish Zionist State in Palestine would become a 'parasite' on humanity.)

In contrast some German Jews were loyal to NS Germany and rejected Zionism (just as the League of British Jews which was formed one week after the Balfour Declaration in 1917 were loyal to Britain and opposed to the Zionist movement to found a Jewish State in Palestine). Hassan al-Banna, who founded the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt in 1928 supported the German NS anti-Zionist faction.

"German racialism has been deliberately distorted. It never was 'anti-other race'...National Socialist racialism was not against the other races, it was for its own race. It aimed at defending and improving its race and wished that all other races did the same for themselves. It was demonstrated when the Waffen SS enlarged its ranks to include 60,000 Islamic troops. The Waffen SS respected their way of life, their customs and their religious beliefs. Each Islamic SS battalion had an imam; each company had a mullah. It was our common wish that their qualities found their highest expression...I was present when each of my Islamic comrades received a personal gift from Hitler

during the new year. It was a pendant with a small Koran. He was honouring them with what was the most important aspect of their lives and their history."

– Leon Degrelle, quoted in *Islam and the Reich* by Prof Dr Ataullah Bogdan Kopanski.

In the 1960s, white Muslim convert John Hassan founded the American Islamic Greenshirt Movement whose symbol was the emblem of the Bosnian Muslim Handschar SS Division, and the Greenshirts held joint meetings in New York with the neo-fascist National Renaissance Party. George Lincoln Rockwell's American National Socialists held meetings with the black separatist Nation of Islam (an early member of NOI was the famous black boxer Muhammad Ali who famously appeared on the BBC's *Parkinson* television show to advocate racial preservation of black and white people alike. Ali later embraced mainstream Sunni Islam, but he did attend a meeting to hear NOI Minister Louis Farrakhan speak more recently and Farrakhan paid his respects at Ali's funeral service.) Here in Britain during the 1960s, the BNP newspaper *Combat* edited by John Bean published articles supporting the Black Muslim movement, as did *National Front News* during the 1980s.

During the mid- to late-1980s the radical "political soldier' wing of the National Front called for an alliance with international Muslim leaders including Libya's Col. Gaddafi, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and the Nation of Islam's Louis Farrakhan. This ignored the fact that Gaddafi and Khomeini were bitter enemies, certainly after 1978.

It is true that Muslims cannot be classed as a 'race'. There are white Muslims, Arab Muslims, black Muslims, Asian Muslims and ex-Jewish converts to Islam. The Qur'an states that Allah – swt (the Arabic word for God used by both Arab Muslims and Arab Christians alike) created the Universe and mankind including the various distinct "nations and tribes" (Surah 49:13). The Hadith makes it clear several times that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was a "white man" (Arabs are classed by ethnologists as Caucasian) and there are many references to racial differences:

"While we were sitting with the Prophet in the mosque, a man came riding on a camel. He made his camel kneel down in the mosque, tied its foreleg and then said: 'Who amongst you is Muhammad?' At that time the Prophet was sitting amongst us (his companions) leaning on his arm. We replied, 'This white man reclining on his arm.' The man then addressed him, 'O Son of Abdul Muttalib.'" Volume 1, Book 3, Number 63. Narrated Anas bin Malik

"Shem, the son of Noah was the father of the Arabs, the Persians, and the Greeks; Ham was the father of the Black Africans; and Japheth was the father of the Turks and of Gog and Magog who were cousins of the Turks. Noah prayed that the prophets and apostles would be descended from Shem and kings would be from Japheth. He prayed that the African's colour would change so that their descendants would be slaves to the Arabs and Turks." Al-Tabari, Vol. 2, p. 11, p. 11

"Ham [Africans] begat all those who are black and curly-haired, while Japheth [Turks] begat all those who are full-faced with small eyes, and Shem [Arabs] begat everyone who is handsome of face with beautiful hair. Noah prayed that the hair of Ham's descendants would not grow beyond their ears, and that whenever his descendants met Shem's, the latter would enslave them." Al-Tabari, Vol. 2, p. 21, p. 21

"A man of B. al-'Ajilan told me that he was told that Gabriel came to the apostle and said, 'There comes to sit with you a black man with long flowing hair, ruddy cheeks, and inflamed eyes like two copper pots. His heart is more gross than a donkey's; he carries your words to the hypocrites, so beware of him.' This, so they say, was the description of Nabtal."[2] Ishaq:243

"I have heard the Apostle say: 'Whoever wants to see Satan should look at Nabtal.' He was a sturdy black man with long flowing hair, inflamed eyes, and dark ruddy cheeks. He used to come and talk with the Prophet and listen to him. He would carry what he had said to the hypocrites. Nabtal said, 'Muhammad is all ears. If anyone tells him something he believes it.' Allah sent down concerning him: 'To those who annoy the Prophet and say that he is all ears, say, "Good ears for you." For those who annoy the Apostle there is a painful punishment.'"[2] Ishaq:243

"It is your folly to fight the Apostle, for Allah's army is bound to disgrace you. We brought them to the pit. Hell was their meeting place. We collected them there, black slaves, men of no descent." Ishaq:450

"The black troops and slaves of the Meccans cried out and the Muslims replied, 'Allah destroy your sight, you impious rascals.'" Ishaq:374

"Abu Darda reported that the Holy Prophet said: Allah created Adam when he created him. Then He stroke his right shoulder and took out a white race as if they were seeds, and He stroke his left shoulder and took out a black race as if they were coals. Then He said to those who were in his right side: Towards paradise and I don't care. He said to those who were on his left shoulder: Towards Hell and I don't care." Mishkat, Vol. 3, p. 117

"Ahmad ibn Abi Sulayman, the companion of Sahnun said, 'Anyone who says that the Prophet was black should be killed.'" Ibn Musa al-Yahsubi, Qadi 'Iyad, p.375

Those critical of so-called 'racism' in Islam should consider these verses in the Old Testament of the Jews:

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire. For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth." (Deuteronomy 7:1-6)

In the New Testament of the Christians, Jesus initially instructed his Apostles to go only among their own kinsfolk before extending their preaching and healing to all other races and nations of the Earth. There is also the story of the foreign woman whom He was at first reluctant to help before her persistence and faith persuaded Him to do so, and He also aided a Roman centurion. The Jews wanted Jesus to be put on trial for 'blasphemy' and demanded that He be crucified. (Matthew 8:5-13, 10:5-8, 15:22-28, 28:18-20, John 18:12-14)

Obsessive anti-Islam groups such as Britain First, Liberty GB, Pegida UK and the former English Defence League all claim to 'defend Christianity' while supporting Israel and ignoring the demonic anti-Christian verses of the Jewish Talmud, which accuses Jesus of being a false messiah, a 'fool', a 'conjuror' and condemns Christ and

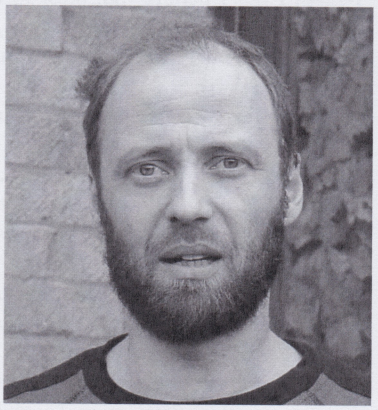
Christians to Hell (see *The Talmud Unmasked: The Secret Rabbinical Teachings Concerning Christians* by Rev I.B. Pranaitis – **www.talmudunmasked.**com). In contrast, Muslims believe that Jesus (Isa – pbuh) is a great prophet of the One True God and the Qur'an states that genuine Christians recognise the Truth, have Compassion and Mercy in their hearts and are rewarded for their belief.

"You will find the most vehement of mankind in hostility to those who believe (to be) the Jews and the idolators. And you will find the nearest of them in affection to those who believe (to be) those who say: We are Christians. This is because there are among them priests and monks*, and because they are not proud." (Surah 5:82)
* i.e. persons entirely devoted to the service of God, as were the Muslims (footnote 72 Pickthall).

The Christian Church used to be opposed to the evils of usury but now only Islam prohibits lending money at interest (riba):
"Because of the wrongdoing of the Jews We forbade them good things which were (before) made lawful to them, and because of their much hindering from Allah's way, And of their taking usury when they were forbidden it, and of their devouring people's wealth by false pretences, We have prepared for those of them who disbelieve a painful doom." (Surah 4:160-161)

As for the terrorism of the bogus so-called 'Islamic State' (IS) and Al-Qaeda there are strict moral rules on just warfare against enemies and oppressors in Islamic texts:
"...whoever kills a human being for other than killing or spreading mischief in the land (terrorism), it would be as if he had killed all mankind, and whoever saves the life of one, it would be as if he had saved the life of all mankind." (Surah 5:32)

British-based White converts to Islam include (*clockwise from top left*): Dr John Pope de Locksley, former Swinton Circle activist, expert on the Jack the Ripper murders, and founder of the Islamic Reform Movement; Dr Yaqub Zaki (James Dickie) from Greenock, Scotland, veteran supporter of Colin Jordan who studied in Franco's Spain; Steve Bilton, Sunderland BNP candidate; Dr Sahib Bleher, German-born General Secretary of the Islamic Party of Britain.



"Fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities. Lo! Allah loves not aggressors." (Surah 2:190)

"And if the enemies incline towards peace, do incline you also to it, and trust in Allah." (Surah 8:61)

"Do not kill the monks in monasteries. Do not kill the people who are sitting in places of worship." (Narrated in the Musnad of Imam Ibn Hanbal)

"Do not kill women, children, the old, or the infirm; do not cut down fruit bearing trees; do not destroy any town." (Malik's Muwatta', 'Kittab al-Jihad') – Note: Capital punishment is lawful in a genuine Islamic State for the crimes of murder and rape but only if the family of the victim approve of such a sentence and that there are proven confessions and witnesses.

"O you who believe! Retaliation is prescribed for you in the matter of the murdered...And for him is forgiven somewhat by his (injured) brother, prosecution according to usage and payment to him in kindness. This is an alleviation and a mercy from your Lord. He who transgresses after this will have a painful doom. And there is life for you in retaliation, O men of understanding, that you may ward off (evil)" (Surah 2:178-179)

"And that you slay not the life which Allah has made sacred, except in the course of justice. This He has commanded you, in order that you may discern." (Surah 6:151)

There is mounting evidence that IS are possibly covertly backed by Zionist interests, and there are even reports of IS fighters recovering in Israeli hospitals and being permitted to leave after treatment to continue their attacks in the Middle East, Europe and the West. It is certainly strange that IS and Al-Qaeda attack Muslims and Arab countries but never the bandit terrorist State of Israel (in contrast the paramilitary wings of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement – Hamas, and the Lebanese Hizbollah – Party of Allah, have carried out operations in self-defence against the brutal oppression of the Zionist entity, and both organisations are opposed to IS. Nevertheless, there is the emergence of new Salafi jihadist groups in Palestine supporting IS who are challenging the Hamas authorities alleging they are "not doing enough in the War against Israel". This is denied by Hamas who have clashed with the pro-IS groups.)

Russian-made helicopters used by the Syrian military have dropped leaflets alleging that the Al-Qaeda linked Al-Nusra Front is supported by Israel and America in a proxy war to overthrow the Syrian Government. The well known (many would say notorious) UK-based, pro-IS radical Salafi Sunni preacher Anjem Choudary has been accused by many British Muslims of being a British Intelligence Agent (although he has denied this), and he himself has admitted "I haven't always been a practising Muslim", referring to his history of the drinking of alcohol, drug taking, fornication and looking at pornography – all punishable under the Shari'ah Law he claims he wants to implement in Britain and the West (to be fair to Choudary he has pointed to Surah 39:53 of the Qur'an which states that previous sins can be forgiven by Allah – swt. His organisations Al-Muhajiroun and Islam4UK which were banned in Britain for inviting support for terrorism did produce literature critical of Zionist Jews but also attacked Shi'a Muslims and mystical Sufi Muslims. Choudary was recently arrested and charged by the British authorities for supporting terrorism.) It is clear that IS and similar terror groups are breaking every rule of Islam and they have murdered many Muslims who do not agree with them in sectarian attacks.

The Islamic Party of Britain (**www.islamicparty.com**) was formed in 1989 at a meeting in London Central Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre and is led by English convert, David Musa Pidcock and the General Secretary is Dr Sahib Mustaqim Bleher, a German convert who spoke at a London New Right meeting in 2012 on the important subject 'Can Broken Communities Stand Up To Global Oppression?'

(The meeting was chaired by Adrian Davies, of the British Democratic Party and the other speakers were *H&D*'s Assistant Editor, Peter Rushton who spoke on *The BBC – friend or foe of national*

Prince Fahd bin Salman, racehorse owner and eldest son of the present King Salman of Saudi Arabia – seen *above* at Royal Ascot with Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh – was recruited by Lady Michèle Renouf to donate substantial funds to the British historian David Irving following his famous libel case against Deborah Lipstadt and Penguin Books in 2000. Sadly Prince Fahd died of a sudden heart attack in July 2001 aged 46, shortly after agreeing terms for funding Irving.

culture? and David Parry who spoke about *Odinism & The Tradition of Dissent* – the videos of the meeting can be seen on YouTube which are well worth a listen. Dr Bleher previously addressed the New Right in 2007 on the topic *Islam: Outdated Oriental Religion or Visionary Ideology of the Future?* – the other distinguished speakers were Lady Michèle Renouf, director of Telling Films, Wulf, leader of Woden's Folk and the late Jonathan Bowden, the former chairman of the NR and Cultural Officer of the BNP.)

Another supporter of the IPOB is anti-*Searchlight* Magazine researcher and author, Alexander Baron, who placed an advertisement promoting his views and mentioning his membership of the Islamic Party of Britain in the late John Tyndall's BNP journal *Spearhead*. I also have a fascinating DVD entitled *The Call of Islam: Interviews with European reverts to Islam* presented by the leader of the IPOB, which includes interviews with the former pop star, Cat Stevens (now known by his Muslim name of Yusuf Islam), Ahmed Holt an ex-'Christian Zionist' (who used to visit Israel to support the Jews against the Palestinians but who embraced Islam after witnessing the brutality of the Israeli Army), and another interview with a Scottish convert to Islam and Historical Revisionist, Professor Yacoub Zaki whom I have met at New Right, London Forum and British Nationalist Friends of Palestine meetings.

Today, due to the anti-Muslim hysteria of the Zionist controlled media, the Islamic Party of Britain operates as more of a pressure group giving support to the Palestinian Muslim liberation struggle and the British Social Credit movement. Mr Pidcock is the author of the book *Satanic Voices – Ancient and Modern: A Surfeit of Blasphemy* which examines such subjects as the conspiracy against Islam by Freemasonry and Zionism, the documented Satanic writings of leading Communists and Anarchists, and Nesta H. Webster's (a one time member of Rotha Lintorn-Orman's British Fascists) classic *Secret Societies and Subversive Movements* which remains a best seller in Nationalist circles today. Interestingly, Dr John Pope de Locksley is an ex-Satanist/Freemason/Kabbalist who converted to Islam, founding the Islamic Reform Movement and his uncle William Binding was a BNP candidate in East London. Dr Pope de Locksley was recently frozen out of the Conservative anti-immigration Swinton Circle (SC) merely for his Islamic religious beliefs by Alan "I support Israel 101%" Harvey, while Harvey (ex-NF) formed the Swinton Circle after he himself was expelled from the London Swinton Circle (LSC), amidst allegations he was a *Searchlight* mole.

(Thomas Mair who was arrested as a suspect in the murder of Labour Friends of Palestine member Jo Cox MP, was a correspondent and supporter of Harvey's pro-Zionist publication *South African Patriot in Exile*.)

Thankfully, there are genuine white patriots who are opposed to the Global Zionist Conspiracy and who have appeared in interviews on the Iranian Press TV channel. In recent years, the Muslim Public Affairs Committee of the United Kingdom has given support and donations to the revisionist historian David Irving, and MPACUK activists successfully unseated Rochdale MP, Laura Fitzsimons (a member of the Labour Friends of Israel) with a mass leafleting campaign in her constituency during the 2005 UK General Election.

In conclusion it is my contention that British and European Patriots, Muslims and Christians should reach an understanding and seek an alliance in opposition to the Neo-Con 'Clash of Civilisations' engineered by the Enemy. One good idea would be for British Nationalists to produce leaflets and stickers for distribution with the slogans: "Free Palestine and Britain from Zionist Control" and "Palestine for the Palestinians – Britain for the British".

John Amin, Bolton, Lancashire

Editor's reply: We at H&D *are known for publishing controversial articles. Simon Sheppard's "Sex and Violence" in our last issue was such an article, although up to now only one person has complained! That person was offered the right to reply, but has yet to respond. Simon claimed "the world may not yet be prepared" for his analysis. He may well be right.*

Whether the world – that's the nationalist world – is prepared for John Amin's view on nationalism and Islam, well I'm not too sure, even if I am. But in the true spirit of free speech, I decided to publish his article, even though I don't believe that most forms of Islam (although not all) have much in common with nationalism. As with Simon Sheppard's article, I offer readers the right to reply to John Lawrence, if they strongly disagree with his analysis.

My own view is that modern day nationalism needs to be secular. There should be no room in our movement for nuts, religious or otherwise, who hate other religions, be they Islamic, Jewish, Christian or even Pagan, just because they are a different religion to their own.

But on the other hand secular nationalism should not grovel to certain religions either, as the likes of the BNP and EDL have done to Judaism, even to the point of carrying Israeli flags on their marches. And John Lawrence – and others – has done with Islam, to the point of waving Palestinian flags on nationalist demonstrations.

John Amin pointed out in his article that a small number of British/European nationalists/national socialists have supported and/or converted to Islam. That's correct, but I'm sure somebody could write a similar article about a small number of nationalists who have converted to Judaism (or any other religion for that matter) but why should that mean we have to support and/or align with that religion?

We need to remember that national socialists in the 1960s like Jordan and Tyndall courted Arab nationalism, not Islam as a religion. They sympathized with the Arabs, because they were being persecuted by the Jews, and they followed the old line "my enemy's enemy is my friend", which sadly as we all know now is not always true.

Nationalism is a socio-political creed and an actual way of life which aims at a full control of man's individual and social conduct. Islam, too, being a school having its own independent, spiritual, practical, political and social system and comprising a particular set of beliefs, naturally comes into conflict with the school of nationalism.

Unlike other religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism etc., Islam is not confined to religious rites and metaphysical convictions. Had Islam been only a religion of devotions, it might have partly agreed with nationalism. But Islam is a religion with a social and philosophical worldview, and provides for economic and political principles. Nationalism, too, has its own social and political principles based however on different beliefs and criteria. Therefore, in my view, conflict between Islam and nationalism is inevitable. Now don't all write in at once please!

Book Review: *Haiters, Baiters and Would-Be Dictators*, Part I by Nick Toczek

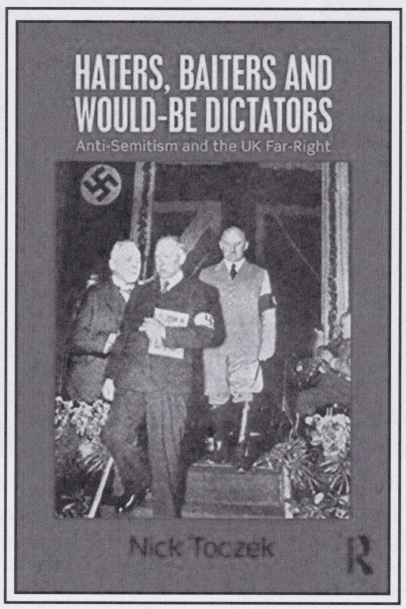
Haters, Baiters and Would-Be Dictators: Anti-Semitism and the UK Far Right by Nick Toczek, Published by Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2016, ISBN: 978-1-138-85348-5 (hardback), or 978-1-85350-8 (paperback). 292 pages. Available for £90.00 (hardback) or £25.00 (paperback) from Bookpoint,130 Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB, UK, or online at – www.routledge.com

There is a certain, usually rather sad and solitary, sort of bloke – and it usually is a bloke – who obsessively collects something of limited interest to his fellow man, such as 1920s railway tickets, old cigarette cards, pre-War Bosnian beer mats or the like, and at the slightest provocation waxes long and boring on the *minutiae* of his prized collection. The author of this book, Nick Toczek, is clearly someone of this ilk, save that he evidently collects obscure and ancient publications and pamphlets of what most Nationalists would regard as the lunatic, and slightly embarrassing, fringe of the Nationalist Movement.

This book has clearly been written from the piles of lovingly curated crank rubbish Mr Toczek evidently keeps about his premises, with detailed references to said collection, tuttings when *British Jew-Wise Bulletin*, circulation 5, accidentally published two successive Issue 135's in 1932, probably due to a technical problem with their John Bull printing set, and handy hints to kindred saddoes, sorry spirits, as to where the good stuff to complete your collection of 1920s issues of *The Hidden Hand* can be found, usually via the Internet. Any readers with accumulations in a neglected cupboard of the sort of dodgy loony pamphlets dished out by dishevelled unwashed old nutters at the back of Nationalist meetings forty years ago, before the stewards invariably chucked them out, may well find that Mr T. is prepared to pay good money for them!

From his collection of yellowing woodlouse-fodder Mr Toczek has penned a history in minute and obsessive detail of the antics of said old nutters and their groupuscules, few of whom got beyond two-figure memberships, from 1900 to 1970, with special attention given to one Henry Hamilton Beamish and his Britons Publishing Society from 1919 on. No doubt if Mr T ever appears on *Mastermind* – Special Subject: Utterly Obscure Anti-Jewish Fringe Cranks, 1919-1970 – this will stand him in good stead. I suspect hardly anyone else will care. Mr Toczek chose *Haters, Baiters and Would-Be Dictators* as his catchy title, but given his subject *Haters, Baiters and Political Masturbators* would have been more apposite and having ploughed through it I would have simply called it *Toczek Waste*.

However, in the course of shining not so much a searchlight as a political electron microscope on the antics of literally dozens of tiny fringe groups, the political fringe of what sadly was most of the time itself the political fringe, Mr Toczek does occasionally come across the odd interesting, or at least amusing, trinket, which this reviewer will pick out for you here so other readers don't need to waste money on buying, and time on reading, his book. Also his subject, if not his subjects, does raise an important political question the real-world Nationalist Movement needs to address in a sensible, sane and credible manner.



Henry Hamilton Beamish, founder of The Britons and publisher of *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*

Mind you sense, sanity and credibility, or at least a measure of academic rigour and balance, are not something one would on the face of it expect from a left-wing Jew who claims to have lost relatives in the Jewish (as opposed to the Armenian, Ukrainian, Slavic etc.) Holocaust, writing about people whose main distinguishing feature was an extreme, often hysterical, hatred of Jews and many of whom tried very hard to have links with, or be taken seriously by, the German regime allegedly responsible, and Mr Toczek does not disappoint. He clearly does not like his subjects much, although to be honest he provides ample evidence leading me as a Nationalist not to like them much either, with the additional grievance that it is my political beliefs they expose to ridicule, hatred and contempt by their deranged rantings. This is, however, basically a book by an obscure Politically Correct crank and bigot about obscure Politically Incorrect cranks and bigots.

Mr Toczek begins with a biography of the wellspring of It's All A Vast Jewish Plot nuttery, Henry Hamilton Beamish (1873-1948), founder of the Britons Publishing Society and main publisher and distributor of the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*. It soon becomes clear that Mr Beamish was simply a man with a vast hatred dwelling inside his head, a bit like the Eye in the Dark Tower of Sauron, which swung its focus about as the years went on.

A hatred that was originally focused, ironically, upon the Germans, not the Jews. His first known political activity was being involved in inciting an anti-German riot in Johannesburg in May 1915 in which 168 shops and offices of suspected Germans, or people of German ethnic origins, were sacked and burned by Beamish's mob. In June 1918 Beamish stood for Parliament in England in the Clapham by-election as an Independent supported by a National Party (no relation to the 1975-77 one of J. Kingsley Read!) on a platform which included, with even more delicious irony, a demand that ethnic Germans, amongst others, be forced to wear a badge, to "exhibit upon the lapel of their coats the emblem of their nationality". He also suggested rounding them, and anyone questioning the wisdom of the War against Germany, all up and putting them in camps, which the British Government duly did twenty years later. It is a sign of the times back then that Beamish came second with 43% of the vote.

Beamish seems to have started out by hating Germans, then hating Jews as agents of the Germans, then hating Jews because many of the "Germans" in Britain during the First World War were Jews, then hating Jews *per se*, and finally in the case at least of some of his associates hating Germans – including (in one case Toczek cites) Adolf Hitler in the wake of the Hitler-Stalin Pact – as being agents of the Jews.

In his early German-bashing phase Beamish associated with, publicly supported, appeared in Court cases as a witness in support of, and wrote for the publications of, bizarre – and in hindsight hilarious – lunatics like Noel Pemberton Billing. Mr Toczek reveals how Mr Billing was obsessed with the idea of a Vast Poovish Plot,

a conspiracy of 47,000 male and female homosexuals in High Places in Britain controlled by a German Prince, Wilhelm of Wied, whose names were held in a Black Book. Quoth Beamish's political mate: "There exists in the *cabinet noir* of a certain German Prince a book compiled by the Secret Service from the reports of German agents who have infested this society for the past twenty years, agents so vile and spreading debauchery of such lasciviousness that only German minds could conceive and only German bodies execute…" Gasp! A purported expose of German-promoted mass lesbianism in high society on the front page of Billing's, erm, organ (to which Beamish was a regular contributor) under the headline "The Cult of the Clitoris" landed Billing in Court, although in the mood of general rabid Germanophobia in the latter part of the First World War he was acquitted. Billing's career as Kraut-Basher General came to an ignominious end when it was revealed that his own wife was, in fact, German (which he compounded by denying it and being exposed as a liar).

Meanwhile Beamish accused the prominent industrialist and Liberal Cabinet Minister Sir Alfred Mond, who was a Jew whose father had emigrated from Germany, of being a traitor for allocating shares to the enemy. This led to a disastrous libel action against him brought by Mond, who, with all the justice money can buy, naturally won. Toczek tuts and huffs about Beamish's anti-Semitism here, but a few pages later is compelled to admit that "although he had undoubtedly been driven by his bigotry" Beamish "hadn't been entirely wrong in accusing Mond of selling bonds to German nationals during the war. Mond was a wheeler-dealer who knew how to make money for himself and, despite his denials, certainly profited from the war."

Lord Milner – leading imperial civil servant and War Cabinet minister – co-authored the Balfour Declaration but was by modern standards an anti-semite.

This actually raises the important point as to why idiots and cranks such as Beamish and his ilk do such a disservice to the Nationalist Movement. By their obvious, evidently rabid anti-Jewish bigotry and paranoia – of which Toczek cites ample evidence, Beamish calling Jews "vermin", "parasites" etc. – they enable Jewish malefactors and their defenders to dismiss any rational criticism of *any* Jews for *anything* as being the tip of the real iceberg of a rabid attack on *all* Jews for *everything*, actuated by genocidal hatred (although Toczek concedes that Beamish, Leese and their ilk did not, in fact themselves advocate, indeed often explicitly ruled out, genocide of Jews). Linking any criticism of any Jews doing any things because they are Jews (or in support of Jewish people or causes) with provably specious World Jewish Conspiracies run by Learned Elders and general Jew-hatred gets those accused conveniently off the hook.

This in turn also makes any attempt to discuss issues such as the over-representation of Jews in proportion to their percentage in the host population in the media, professions, promoting Left/liberal/Politically Correct causes, disproportionately influencing the countries in which they live in support of the explicitly Jewish State of Israel through the likes of AIPAC and the Tory/Labour Friends of Israel etc., impossible in any debate not at once consigned to the dustbin marked "extremist/racist" etc. As Mr Ken Livingstone has recently discovered.

One point that emerges from Toczek's pages is that – before the lunacy of Beamish, Arnold Leese, their *Protocols* etc, and the really not credibly deniable butchery of the Nazis, consigned it safely to the ineffectual fringe – there actually was open and sensible discussion of the Jewish Question in the highest circles. After all, if one is fighting a World War and, as was the case in the First one, leading bankers, financiers and industrialists such as Mond, the Rothschilds, Warburgs etc., have family and business connections on both sides, and may reasonably – and indeed quite honourably from their point of view – be suspected of serving the interests of their own, Jewish, people primarily, rather than those of the peoples locked in rival sides of a bloody death struggle amongst whom they live, it is not bigotry or hatred to be seriously concerned. Were it to emerge today that prominent Muslim politicians, businessmen and financiers in London or Washington likewise had close blood relations serving ISIS in similar capacities in Raqqa or Mosul, one does not imagine the Press or the security agencies would say or do nothing.

One of the things the British Government appears to have done in response to these concerns in the later, and increasingly desperate stages of the First World War was to try and give powerful and well-connected Jews a reason to prefer the Allied side rather than taking the "plague upon – and if possible maximum profit from – both your houses" position they were very generally felt to be taking (and who, in their position, could blame them, to be fair?). Hence the Balfour Declaration, the key points of which Toczek reprints at the end of his book thus: "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, *it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine…*" The italics are Toczek's, and for once I agree with him.

No doubt those drafting this would be dismissed by Beamish and his posthumous disciples as tools of the Great Jew Plot doing the will of their Learned if no longer youthful Masters. Toczek reveals that this was not at all the case, certainly in the case of what he rightly calls "one of the key authors" of the Declaration, the great Proconsul of Empire Alfred, Lord Milner. As Toczek observes, he did not help formulate and adopt this Declaration "out of love or even sympathy for Jews". Toczek quotes Milner's "Credo", found amongst his papers after his death: "I am a Nationalist and not a cosmopolitan … I am a British (indeed primarily an English) Nationalist. If I am also an Imperialist, it is because the destiny of the English race, owing to its insular position and long supremacy at sea, has been to strike roots in different parts of the World. I am an Imperialist and not a Little Englander because I am a British Race Patriot."

Clearly the Empire he meant was the British-settled White Dominions, probably also including the breakaway American colony, rather than the Afro-Asian areas unwisely incorporated into Britain's Empire with results we see all around us today.

This British Race Patriot was very far from the political fringe to which those views would today consign him: he was at the heart of Government as a member of Lloyd George's five-man War Cabinet. Toczek – showing what has happened in the intervening years to the parameters of this debate – damns him as an "anti-Semite" and "bigot" for writing this about the situation in Russia after the Revolution to his War Cabinet colleagues in 1919:

"We must not lose sight of the fact that this movement is engineered and managed by astute Jews, many of them criminals, and nearly every commissar in Russia is a Jew, and I have noticed, since I came to this country, that meetings of protest against (allied anti-Bolshevik) intervention are largely composed of alien Jews, and that in constituencies where there is a large Jewish vote it has invariably gone to the extreme Socialist candidate."

Today Toczek does not have to debate the truth of Lord Milner's statements – it is enough to denounce them as "racist", "anti-Semitic" and "bigoted" and the discussion is over. But in fact they are, objectively and historically, undeniably true. The Bolshevik Revolution, and much of the contemporaneous far Left, was undoubtedly disproportionately led, and supported, by Jews. Many of them fuelling later anti-Jewish conspiracy theories by operating, as did Kamenev (Lev Rozenfeld), Zinoviev (Ovsei-Gershon Aronovich Radomyslsky), Trotsky (Lev Davidovitch Bronstein) and so on under non-Jewish pseudonyms, as if their Jewishness was something they wished to hide for sinister – and it can, but need not be, inferred also specifically Jewish – reasons. The later Soviet state gradually moved away from this, and Jews became notable in the ranks of its dissidents, becoming again alienated outsiders in a once more nationally aware polity.

The people Toczek writes about jumped on this involvement of Jews in Bolshevism, and the fact that many Jews in the West, some of them wealthy Capitalists, initially supported the Bolshevik Revolution, as evidence that all the Jews were in this together and it was all a Vast Plot for "the Jews" to take over the world.

A rational Nationalist view is that the truth is more complex, and yet more obvious. The crux of the Jewish Question is that for almost two millennia the Jews have been a people, potentially a nation, without a country, a land, of their own, living among, but to one or another degree apart, from the nations in which they lived.

This offered, and still offers, individual Jews three possible responses:

1) assimilate and assume the identity of the nation amongst whom they live, not necessarily renouncing their religious beliefs in the process. As Toczek reveals, Beamish, Arnold Leese and of course Hitler did not believe this could or would happen. But it did and does happen, in countries where it was possible. Benjamin Disraeli was a Conservative Prime Minister under Queen Victoria who pursued a strongly nationalistic pro-Empire policy in which little if any "Jewish agenda" could be discerned. In the 1970s, Britain's National Front had committed and loyal Jewish members: the Goldsmiths, Gerry Viner and our very own Learned Elder of Zion, as it greatly amused him to be described, Dr. Albert Elder. Today – whisper it softly – *H&D* has regular writers who are both Jewish and solid White racial nationalists (not including this author, who therefore has no personal axe to grind here). In the First World War, to much later embarrassment in certain quarters there, many German Jews fought bravely at the front and were decorated, including winning the Iron Cross First Class. The crucial point is that these Jews choose to give their primary loyalty to the nation whose citizenship they hold: they are – unless we are going to be very silly about things – ethnically White Europeans, and therefore they are not an issue. Indeed many of them are valued assets.

2) Hold apart and assume a global Jewish identity, giving their primary loyalty to other Jews everywhere, and nowadays to Zionism and the State of Israel, and not to wherever, as they would see it, they happen to live. If they actually go and live within the borders of their own Jewish State rather than acting as the agents of one within ours this again is not a problem. This in fact was the view, as Toczek amply documents, of Beamish and his followers, the Fascist hardliner Arnold Leese, and originally at least of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. One person who should read this book is Ken Livingstone, who rightly pointed this out and, again showing what has happened to the debate in this area – for which Red Ken as an Apostle of Political Correctness must himself bear some responsibility – his response was not reasoned attempted rebuttal but some brain-dead yob of a Labour MP bellowing "Nazi! Nazi!" at him. Ken is getting a taste of his own medicine, but I cannot help feeling some sympathy for him here.

3) Deny the importance of national identity at all and adopt an internationalist, anti-nationalist, anti-ethnicist ideology. This tended especially to happen in countries like Russia where the host national identity was so defined as explicitly to deny Jews the chance of adopting it and assimilating. But it involved the Jews also renouncing, or at least purporting to renounce, their own identity as Jews, even by religion. Toczek quotes Winston Churchill writing in the *Morning Post* (now incorporated into the Tory *Daily Telegraph*) on this on 8th January 1920: "The adherents of this sinister confederacy (international Bolshevism) are mostly men reared up among the unhappy populations of countries where Jews are persecuted on account of their race. Most, if not all of them, have forsaken the faith of their forefathers and divorced from their minds all spiritual hopes of the next world…There is no need to exaggerate the part played in the creation of Bolshevism and in the actual bringing about of the Russian Revolution by these international and for the most part atheistical Jews." Toczek does not actually say why he quoted Churchill here – even he presumably isn't going to call Churchill a Nazi (although tweak events only a little and Winston Churchill rather than Mosley could have been the demagogic leader of a British Fascism or something like it in the 1930s).

The Jewish Cuckoo – typical anti-semitic cartoon published in 1920 by the Britons' journal *The Hidden Hand*

Churchill is basically right – the significant support for Marxism amongst Jews is almost certainly because for non-religious Jews it solves their own personal Jewish Problem of not fitting in, of being an alienated outsider – if you join a movement that denies that ethnic identity matters, your own doesn't matter any longer either. Assuming your comrades believe you really have renounced it, as Jews were to find in the final years of Stalin.

Toczek goes on to chronicle the rest of Henry Hamilton Beamish's life and career churning out denunciations of Jew "vermin" and selling *The Protocols* whilst running the Britons' Publishing Society, whose semi-literate and confused Constitution he reproduces for the little it is worth as an Appendix. *Inter alia* Toczek reveals Beamish denouncing both Irish and Indian Nationalism as "Jew-controlled" – ironic in the former case as Sinn Fein's first known political activity in 1905 was a campaign to "free Limerick from Jewish control". Beamish's warning of the role of the Hidden Hand of The Jew in Gandhi's Movement reminds me of a swastika-bedecked late 1960s US booklet I once saw called *China, the Jews and World War III* which revealed Chairman Mao was "Jew-controlled" apparently because his then henchman Chou En Lai was "a secret Jew" (no doubt cosmetic surgery was involved).

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Europe's Nationalists Advance

One paradox for British nationalists in 2016 is that while most of our movement strongly supported Brexit, therefore taking the winning side in the referendum, we have no effective presence in electoral politics even at borough council level, let alone at Westminster. Meanwhile in several European countries there are strong nationalist political parties winning increasing votes and potentially challenging for power in national parliaments – although perhaps none would have any hope of winning a Brexit-style referendum.

The biggest nationalist success story of 2016 is **Germany**'s AfD (Alternative for Germany), who have continued to gain increased votes and seats in regional elections. On September 4th in the north-eastern region of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, AfD finished runners-up with 20.8%, overtaking Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) in Merkel's home region. Two weeks later in the Berlin region, AfD polled 14.2%, gaining seats in what is still seen as Germany's most left-wing city.

AfD activists (*above*) celebrate in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the north-eastern German region where for the first time this new anti-immigration party defeated the ruling conservative CDU of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Each of these regions (like the federal government) had been ruled by so-called "grand coalitions" of the CDU and the social democratic SPD – equivalent to a deal between the Tories and Labour, or in U.S. terms a Clinton-Bush alliance against Trump! Unsurprisingly many voters are revolting against this treacherous vacuity. In Mecklenburg-Vorpommern the "grand coalition" will continue with a reduced majority, while in Berlin the new regional government will be a pact between the SPD, Greens and the far left, neo-communist Left Party.

A federal election must be held in Germany next year, probably in September, and time is running out for Merkel, who has been Chancellor since 2005 and is Europe's longest-serving leader. Her support has haemorrhaged since the catastrophic decision last autumn to welcome vast numbers of "refugees". Until September 2015 the CDU and its Bavarian sister party CSU consistently polled above 40% – easily Europe's strongest governing party – with AfD around 5%. Twelve months later nationwide polls show Merkel's party not much above 30%, with AfD now getting around 15%.

One unfortunate consequence has been that support for Germany's traditional nationalist party NPD has declined, since AfD is seen as far more electable. In Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (as in several other former East German regions) the NPD had held seats in the regional parliament (or *Landtag*) but in the September elections these seats were wiped out by the AfD's advance. NPD support fell from 6% to 3%, below the 5% threshold required to win seats. In Berlin the NPD has never held seats, but again their vote declined from 2.1% to 0.6%. (Similarly the anti-Islamist "pro-Deutschland" party's vote dropped from 1.2% to 0.4%.)

German media commentators are unsure how far to label AfD as "extremist". The party was founded in 2013 with an exclusive focus on reform of the European Union – a less radical version of UKIP. Events at the end of 2015 inevitably shifted the nationwide debate onto immigration issues, but AfD had already begun to radicalise earlier that year with the emergence of a new (co)-leader Frauke Petry, who is more obviously in the mould of Marine Le Pen rather than Nigel Farage. In fact it seems that Frau Petry and Mme Le Pen held a secret meeting at the start of July 2016 in a restaurant near Strasbourg. Frau Petry's 'moderate' opponents inside AfD have threatened to cause trouble over this issue, because such a meeting would be contrary to an earlier decision of the party's executive, who ruled in December 2014 that any potentially controversial foreign contacts would require the executive's prior approval. The previously secret Petry - Le Pen meeting was revealed by the German newspaper *Die Zeit* on October 19th.

Establishment forces and internal rivalries are now combining in a determined effort to destroy Frau Petry's career. The most dangerous threat involves a series of investigations into the 2014 regional elections in her home state of Saxony, which could lead to criminal charges and/or results being invalidated.

Some AfD representatives have been unafraid to challenge taboo subjects. For example Ronald Gläser, a newly elected AfD member of the Berlin *Landtag*, is a journalist for the radical journal *Junge Freiheit* who wrote an article in 2010 labelling Winston Churchill as a war criminal:

"What would have happened if the English had not declared war on us Germans for no good reason in 1939? ...The two warlords [Churchill and Hitler] are not treated equally as war criminals, which they both were. Fifty million people dead. Half of Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, the Baltic States, the Czech and Slovak Republics under communist rule. This is the world that Churchill gave us. Of course not alone. But with his blindness to the real war aims of Stalin and his war against Germany he greatly contributed."

Rudolf Müller, head of the AfD slate of candidates for the regional elections in Saarland (which will take place next March), is under police investigation for selling Third Reich memorabilia at his antique shop. Meanwhile Jörg Meuthen, even though he is seen as the more 'moderate' of AfD's co-leaders, confirmed during the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern elections that his party would potentially work with the NPD in the *Landtag*. This was a significant symbolic departure from every other party's insistence that they would never collaborate even on intrinsically non-controversial matters with the "neo-nazi" NPD, although the policy was never likely to be enacted in practice, since the NPD was always going to lose its *Landtag* seats.

Four or five months before next year's German federal election, another landmark contest for European nationalists will be the presidential election in **France**, held over two rounds in April and May 2017. Polls continue to show Marine Le Pen of the National Front (FN) in first place with up to 30% in the first round, though almost certain to lose to a conservative candidate in the second round. (UKIP's French ally Nicolas Dupont-Aignan is presently polling up to 5%, but might not gain sufficient signatures to qualify for next year's election.)

This would be a repeat of the 2002 contest when Mme Le Pen's father, FN founder Jean-Marie Le Pen, qualified for the second round run-off, but there are two important differences. The 2017 Le Pen vote will probably be about double the 17.8% achieved in the 2002 second round. Perhaps most important is Marine Le Pen's achievement in vastly increasing FN support among the White working class, including some areas where until recently there was a strong Communist vote.

A recent analysis showed that the FN – more than any other French political party – draws its candidates from the working class or the self-employed: 22.6% of FN candidates were from these sectors of the electorate, as against only 6.5% of Socialist candidates. The ruling Socialists, like the conservatives, draw their candidates more from business or professions such as teachers and lawyers.

In mid-September Marine Le Pen launched her presidential campaign at a national FN congress, appointing as campaign director the 28-year-old Mayor of Fréjus, David Rachline – best known for imposing a municipal ban on the "burkini". Some observers have seen Rachline's appointment as an effort to keep FN hardliners onside, avoiding the internal rows that have been provoked by some of Marine Le Pen's earlier efforts to soften the party's image.

Rumours continue that Jean-Marie Le Pen will support rival candidates standing against the FN in some areas, possibly forming a new party or backing the "Party of France" led by former MEP Carl Lang, who for many years was Secretary-General of the FN before quitting the party in 2008.

The re-run of **Austria**'s presidential election has been delayed until December 4th, put back from October 2nd due to technical problems with postal vote envelopes. Norbert Hofer of the anti-immigration Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ) was narrowly defeated by Green candidate Alexander Van der Bellen in the original election on May 22nd, but succeeded in winning a court order to overturn the result due to various irregularities and errors by election officials.

With Austria still afflicted by the "refugee" crisis, Hofer is (just) favourite to win the presidency, but there could be another extremely close result – even a virtual dead-heat – with the danger that once again courts might be asked to adjudicate on procedural problems.

Romania once had two strong nationalist parties: the Greater Romania Party (PRM) was the second largest party in parliament with 126 MPs from 2000 to 2004. Legal problems contributed to the party's rapid decline, losing all its MPs by 2008, and after the death of PRM leader Vadim Tudor last year the party now barely exists. Another nationalist movement was led by the owner of Steaua Bucharest football club, Gigi Becali, who also served as an MEP until 2012 but was imprisoned in 2013. There will be a Romanian general election in December, but the country is now bogged down by corruption scandals and there seems little present hope for nationalists within electoral politics.

Spain had a clear two party system until very recently: almost anyone right of centre supported the Popular Party (PP) and almost anyone on the left backed the Socialists (PSOE). That changed at last year's general election with the emergence of two strong new parties, but unfortunately neither of them is remotely nationalist or racially conscious. Spain's political deadlock continued after a second general election in June 2016: again nationalist parties scarcely figured.

The largest quasi-nationalist party in Spain is Vox, formed at the end of 2013 and now led by a former member of the Basque parliament, Santiago Abascal, but even Vox polled only 0.2% at this year's election, after a more hopeful 1.6% in its first campaign at the 2014 European election.

Once among the most free countries for radical nationalists to publish and organise, Spain has adopted increasingly repressive laws on such matters as "holocaust denial" and "racism". On July 9th the well-known publisher and author Pedro Varela was arrested when police raided his Barcelona bookshop. A court order closed the bookshop and 15,000 books were confiscated.

Varela was kept in jail until a fellow nationalist paid bail of €30,000 (£26,000 / $34,000). In one of a series of sinister, politically motivated moves this autumn by European financial institutions, a bank account set up to raise funds for his defence was unilaterally closed down by the bank in mid-October.

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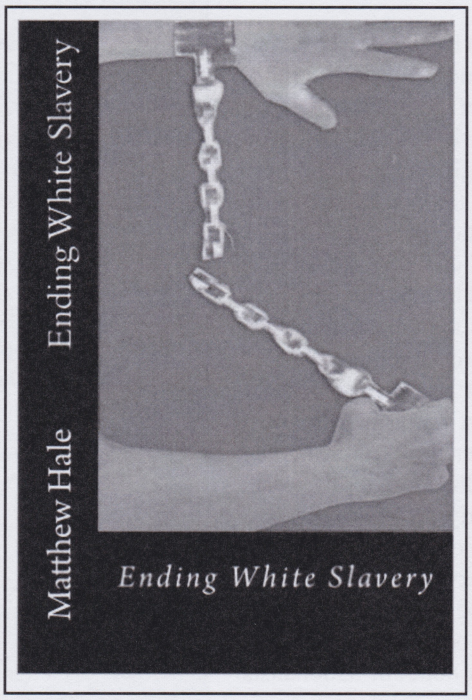
Book Review: *Ending White Slavery* by Matthew Hale

Ending White Slavery by Matthew Hale. CreateSpace, 2015. ISBN13 9781514246184 210 pp., trade paperback. Available from www.createspace.com or ***Evelyn Hutcheson, 200 Carlson Ave. 25 H Washington, IL. 61571, USA*** for $15.00.

Ending White Slavery is the latest book from the pen of American political prisoner Matt Hale. Hale is a leader in the US-based racial religion known as Creativity, and his imprisonment is a direct result of his involvement in that movement.

Creativity was founded by Ben Klassen, an entrepreneur, inventor and former politician. Apart from his beliefs, he is best known for devising the first commercially-viable electric-can opener. In 1973, he published his first book, *Nature's Eternal Religion*. That volume became the central text of Klassen's new religion, organized as the Church of the Creator that same year.



In its essence, Creativity is a faith that replaces worship of God with worship of the White race. Creators deny the existence of any supernatural forces, including any God or gods, angels, devils, demons or an afterlife. This has led some observers to define Creativity as an "atheist religion." Adherents of the faith are known as Creators. They oppose the Jews both on theological and racial grounds, and they are likewise anti-Christian. All non-Whites are defined as inferior. The church's earliest motto was "It's great to be White!"

Klassen died in 1993. The COTC underwent a period of infighting which led to splits in the movement. Matt Hale eventually emerged as the leader of the largest faction, which renamed the World Church of the Creator. His title was the same as Klassen's before him, *Pontifex Maximus*. This is a reflection of the Creativity practice of using Latin as its liturgical language, an ironic choice seeing its diehard opposition to Roman Catholicism.

In the year 2000, a trademark infringement suit was brought against the WCOTC by an obscure religious sect in the Pacific Northwest which also used the word "Creator" it its name. The suit was heard before federal judge Joan Lefkow, a gentile woman who had married a Jew and who had two biracial grandchildren. Hale demanded that she recuse herself from the case, on the grounds that her family ties prejudiced her against the WCOTC. It was a reasonable request, but surprisingly, Lefkow turned it down. In 2002 she ruled against the WCOTC. Hale was understandably angered at the verdict, but took it good stride. He subsequently reorganized his church as the Creativity Movement.

In 2003, Hale was entrapped by a paid federal informant going by the name of Tony Evola. Evola secretly taped a conversation in which he told Hale that he was going to kill Lefkow in revenge for ruling against the Creators. Hale's response was noncommittal, but in no way did he encourage Evola or sanction the proposed murder or any other illegality.

Nonetheless, federal authorities subsequently arrested Hale and charged him with conspiring to commit murder. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison, and will not be eligible for release before 2037. Until earlier this year, he was in solitary confinement, but has now been released into the general population at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Hale's long years of solitude left him with a lot of time to think and write, which he has put to good use. *Ending White Slavery* is a result of his long years of thought and study.

If the federal authorities hoped that they would crush his spirit or cause him to change his beliefs, then they will be sadly disappointed. The book reveals that Hale is still as committed to the cause of his race now as he was when he was free – and he is just as full of fire.

Ending White Slavery is intended primarily for newcomers to the White Nationalist movement. Those who have already read the works of George Lincoln Rockwell, or John Tyndall's *The Eleventh Hour* or David Duke's *My Awakening*, will find no fresh insights or new information. But for those new to the movement, or people who are sympathetic but not yet committed – or merely curious – this book will be a real eye-opener. Hale gives voice to politically incorrect thoughts that many White people may secretly harbor but have been hesitant to openly engage.

Ending White Slavery is divided into three long chapters: "Our Minds Are in Chains," "Exhortation" and "Towards the Racial State." "Our Minds Are in Chains" reveals that the slavery referred to in the title is the mental bondage to which current generations of White people (and especially the young) have been subjected. Whites are denied any sense of positive racial awareness, but instead have had their thinking and values warped by an anti-White double standards. Hale brings clear-thinking to many racially charged topics.

Concerning the invasion of the United States by millions of Latinos, Hale writes,

If the minds of our White people were not in chains... [they] would openly admit that they don't want the (mestizo) Hispanics to come here...There would be no talk of "amnesty" because amnesty basically means that people are forgiven for breaking the law. There would be no reluctance to deport any and all known illegal immigrant invaders and far fewer claims that doing so would be "impractical"; if it were practical enough for them to invade the country in the first place, it is surely just as practical to deport them; if they could gradually just trickle in by the millions, they can gradually be trickled out by the millions as well. (p. 25)

Elsewhere he writes,

The politicians have betrayed us, have given our country away, and have sold out our country for the non-white vote of the moment instead of caring about the welfare of their own people now and in the future. (p. 22)

Many millions of White Americans have thoughts such as these (although perhaps less eloquently expressed and less focused) but they are intimidated from expressing them because such thoughts contravene the insidious anti-White narrative that dominates public discourse in the US. Indeed, it has only been recently, with the political rise of Donald Trump, that the prevalence of such thinking among the White masses has come to light. It is what we in the movement have long suspected, but apart from occasional anecdotal evidence, we have been unable to prove. People new to White Nationalism will read Hale's book with a shock of recognition: "Hey, that's what I've thought all along! I thought I was the only one who looked at things that way!"

On occasion, Hale goes a step or two beyond stating what is obvious to movement veterans, and produces a penetrating insight. For example, he discusses the replacement of the White behavior and aes-

thetics in popular American society with a Negro ideal. He correctly notes that, "to assume the physical characteristics of another race is to lack esteem for your own race" (p.14).

In the second chapter "Exhortation," the author calls upon White people to come together a gigantic family of racial brothers and sisters and struggle for their common good. Hale employs impassioned language in making his appeal – but at the same time he is vague about exactly what he wants his readers to do. Although he frequently addresses his readers in religious terminology, there is no reference to Creativity – or to any religious doctrine at all.

The programmatic aspect of his discourse is found in the final and shortest chapter, "Towards the Racial State." He begins with the assertion that there has never been a racial state in human history (p. 161). This is a curious claim to make, as there have, in fact, been numerous racial states. Offhand, we can think of ancient Sparta, the Confederate States of America, and National-Socialist Germany as states that had a self-conscious racial underpinning. Beyond that, there have been, and are today, numerous countries that are *de facto* racial states, such as Japan and Nigeria, even though they espouse no formal racial ideology.

Hales gets around this glaring inconsistency by devising a very limited and specific definition of what constitutes a racial state: it must contain only members of a single race, and it must openly pledge itself to maintaining the welfare and interests of that race above all else (p. 188).

The author speaks from an American perspective. He seems unaware of the common European term "folk," which is a natural ethnic-political-cultural subdivision of the race. To him, there are only Whites and non-Whites. Thus, he imagines, if Romania and Bulgaria each declare themselves to be a racial state, their longstanding territorial disputes will dissolve, because, after all, they are both White. Hale bizarrely casts the European effort to extirpate Marxism in the Soviet Union during the Second World War as intra-White infighting that weakened the race (p. 202). He barely mentions the Jews, except to note that they have created a racial state for themselves, which is something that Whites should emulate (p. 188). From *Ending White Slavery* alone, the reader would get no idea that the racial struggle between Jews and Whites is one of the motors that has driven all European history.

His vision of how a racial state should be organized will be familiar to movement veterans: he sees a "Racial Loyalist" one-party state (p. 189) that will extol White values and White culture (p. 193). He seems unconcerned about economics, writing that the economy of each racial state is up to that state alone (p. 188). His social program includes a narrowing of class divisions (p. 192), and a great reduction (if not total elimination) of abortion (p. 203). There will be no recreational drugs because they harm the race (p. 197). Although Hale is fond of the term "Racial Loyalist," which is a coinage of COTC founder Ben Klassen, once again, there is no mention of Creativity, although religion in general is mentioned as being desirable (p. 194).

We recommend *Ending White Slavery* to our readers. It is a good read, even if its contents are very basic and shopworn to White Nationalist old fighters. We commonly encounter new recruits to the movement, who are full of questions of all sorts concerning WN ideology: this is a good book to hand them. And beyond that, by purchasing this volume, you are contributing financially to Matt Hale himself: he is a good man who deserves the full support of everyone concerned with White survival.

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Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd: South Africa's Greatest Prime Minister, Part I

Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd, son of Wilhelmus Johannes Verwoerd and Anje (née Strik) was born on 8 September 1901 at Jacob van Lennepkade, Oudekerk, Amsterdam. He had an elder brother Leendert, who later became a well known plant pathologist, and a younger sister Hendrika (Lucie). His father ran a grocer's shop. He was very sympathetic to the Boer cause and organised a collection of funds in his town district during the second Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902).[1] In 1903 the family emigrated to Cape Town. His father set up business as a building contractor and settled in Mortimer Street, Wynberg, Cape Province. Young Hendrik first attended the Lutheran Primary School in Waterloo Street from 1907-1911 and then went to Wynberg Boys Junior School,[2] where he joined his elder brother, Len, who was in Standard VI. Hendrik passed Standard III in 1912.

Dr H.F. Verwoerd, Prime Minister of South Africa from 1958 until his assassination in 1966.

At the end of that year Hendrik's father obtained an appointment as assistant evangelist at the Dutch Reformed Church in Bulawayo, Rhodesia. Hendrik was sent to Milton High School whose school motto is Κλείστε εσείς όπως και οι άνδρες (Acquit ye like men). He attended the school from 1913-1917. He was a gifted scholar, winning many prizes, including a prize for being the best pupil in English literature in all the schools of Rhodesia.[3] He was a leading member of the debating society and a keen sportsman, playing cricket, rugby and tennis. He captained the cricket team and played as wicket keeper.[4] In his last year he was awarded a Beit scholarship, but was unable to accept it as his father moved to Brandfort in the Orange Free State. Verwoerd senior took up the position of second minister and augmented his income by running a small bookshop. In February 1919[5] Hendrik Verwoerd matriculated and came first in the Orange Free State and fifth in South Africa.

In March 1919 Hendrik Verwoerd enrolled at the University of Stellenbosch which at that time was the scholastic centre of Afrikaner nationalism.[6] He took up residence at Dagbreek hostel and studied for a B.A. degree with the intention of becoming a *dominee* (clergyman). He was a brilliant student, frequently obtaining 100% in his exams, and possessed an incredible photographic memory. He graduated in 1921 with honours.

The following year he changed direction and studied psychology under Professor R.W. Wilcocks for an M.A. with sociology and logic as complementary subjects. The title of his thesis was *Denkprosesse en die Probleem van Waardes* (Thought Processes and the Problem of Values). He was awarded his degree *cum laude* in 1923. In that same year he was elected chairman of the Students Representative Council. He was also chairman of the Debating Union and Philosophical Society and an active member of the Drama Society. For recreation he enjoyed hiking and playing tennis. He was awarded a Sir Abe Bailey bursary of £400 per year for three years at the University of Oxford, but declined it as he preferred to study psychology in Europe.

In 1924 Hendrik Verwoerd continued with his studies at Stellenbosch and at the end of that year was awarded a D.Phil degree *cum laude*. The title of his thesis was *Eksperimentele Studie van die Afstomping van Gemoedsdoeninge* (Experimental Study of the Blunting of the Emotions). At the same time he was appointed a temporary lecturer in logic.

In 1926 with the assistance of a smaller Croll and Gray bursary of £150, Dr. Verwoerd travelled to Europe in order to pursue his studies at the universities of Berlin, Hamburg and Leipzig. At the last named university he spent a semester studying ethnic psychology at the Leipzig Institute of Experimental Psychology under Professors Otto Klem, Felix Krüger and Hans Volket.[7] While he was in Germany Dr. Verwoerd married Betsie Schoombee in Hamburg on 7 January 1927. They would subsequently have seven children. Thereafter Dr Verwoerd continued his studies in Britain and the United States.

On his return to South Africa in 1927 Dr. Verwoerd was appointed Professor of Applied Psychology, Sociology and Social Science at the University of Stellenbosch. He would occupy this post for the next nine years. Dr. Verwoerd gave his lectures in the Ou Hoofgebou.[8] Although he prepared his lectures in the evening, he never used notes; but nonetheless gave stimulating lessons and was very popular with his students.[9] In 1929 he gave the opening speech at the commencement of the academic year and in 1932 was appointed head of the department of sociology and social work.

During this period Dr. Verwoerd concerned himself with the 'poor white' problem. At a national congress held in Kimberley in 1934 he campaigned for the establishment of a government department of social welfare and was appointed chairman of the continuation committee. He served for two years on the Organisation for Housing in Cape Town and became a co-director of the Good Hope Model Housing Scheme. He also testified as an expert witness before the Commission on the Coloureds.

In 1937 Prime Minister JBM Hertzog introduced the Aliens Bill in order to curtail immigration of Jews, while Dr. D F Malan, the leader of the *Gesuiwerde Nasionale* Party (Purified National Party), tabled an amendment prohibiting the entry of all Jewish immigrants, who were allegedly fleeing Germany because of "persecution".[10] Their immigration was to a certain extent also resented by the local Jewish community, who were aware that too many Jews would upset the racial balance between Whites and Jews. At that time there were 90,645 Jews in South Africa comprising 4.5% of the White population.[11] On 27 October 1936 when the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamship *Stuttgart*, which had been chartered by the London based Council for German Jewry, docked in Cape Town harbour with 545 refugees on board, Dr. Verwoerd and five other professors from Stellenbosch held up placards protesting their arrival.[12] Dr. Verwoerd was against Jewish immigration, as he believed that these Jews would aggravate the poor White problem and hamper the economic development of the Afrikaner.

In 1936 the directors of the Voortrekkerpers under the chairmanship of Mr. W.A. Hofmeyr, invited Dr. Verwoerd to become editor of a new Afrikaans daily newspaper, *Die Transvaler*. Prior to his departure for Johannesburg, Dr. Verwoerd spent a few months at the offices of the Cape Town newspaper, *Die Burger*, familiarising himself with journalism and office management. His task was not only to establish a newspaper, but to help rebuild the National Party. His editorship also provided him with an opportunity to make his views more widely known among the public and to thereby enhance his prospects of ful-

Dr J.F.J. ('Hans') van Rensburg created the *Ossewa Brandwag*, a cultural/paramilitary organisation which was supposedly pro-White but might have been designed as a 'false front' to discredit the racial nationalist cause.

filling a more prominent role in the National Party. In 1938 he was elected deputy chairman of the board of control and management committee of the National Party.

In 1937 Anton Rupert, who later became a tobacco merchant, applied for a position as a reporter. He was offered a job, but later rejected it, as he said that he would have to study[13] by correspondence. Rupert would later become an arch enemy of Dr. Verwoerd and played a leading role in the plan to assassinate him.[14]

The majority of Afrikaners, as well as a fair number of English-speaking South Africans, were against South Africa's participation in World War II, whose sole purpose was to destroy the usury-free banking systems of Germany, Italy and Japan. Dr. Verwoerd identified himself with this anti-war sentiment and was very outspoken in his condemnation of General Smuts, who was a pawn of the Zionists[15] and the international bankers.[16]

Dr. Verwoerd along with Dr. Malan did not accept the bona fides of a resistance movement called the *Ossewa Brandwag* (Ox wagon Sentinel), which had been set up as a cultural organisation in November 1938. He objected to their pointless acts of sabotage and frequently attacked its leaders in his columns. There is a strong possibility that Dr. Verwoerd may have suspected that the *Ossewa Brandwag* was a false front, which it indeed was. It had been set up by Smuts's former Secretary of Justice, Johannes Fredrik Janse van Rensburg in order to lure discontented Afrikaners into a fake cause which Smuts could monitor and control.[17] One of the agents provocateurs employed by Smuts was B.J. Vorster,[18] who would later take on a pivotal role in Dr Verwoerd's assassination, and in the dismantling of his policy of separate development.

On 22 October 1941 at midnight an attempt was made by two masked *stormjaers* (assailants of the ***Ossewa Brandwag)***, armed with a pistol and a sawn-off shotgun, to kidnap Dr. Verwoerd. They had orders to have him court-martialled and then taken into the veld where he would have been sjambokked (whipped). Fortunately a *stormjaer* in custody had tipped off the police and a car full of Special Branch police arrived just in time to prevent the kidnapping taking place.[19]

In the general election of 17 July 1943 Dr. Verwoerd was offered an opportunity to stand in a safe seat, but the leader of the National Party in the Transvaal, Advocate Johannes Gerhardus Strydom, asked him to stay on as editor of *Die Transvaler* where he would be more effective in promoting the cause of the party.

On 31 January 1947 at the invitation of General Smuts, the British Royal Family arrived in Cape Town aboard the battleship HMS *Vanguard* for a three month tour of South Africa and its surrounding territories. Dr. Verwoerd considered the tour to be a ploy by Smuts, which the latter hoped would improve his prospects of being re-elected in the following year's general election. The visit would moreover retard the National Party's aim of achieving a republic. As Dr. Verwoerd could do nothing about the Royal tour, he decided to ignore it, even though the leader of the National Party in Transvaal, Advocate J.G. Strijdom was against such a decision. The only report which appeared in *Die Transvaler* was a solitary paragraph: "The presence of certain visitors today will cause some dislocation of the traffic".[20] This was a repetition of a previous incident of antipathy towards the Royal family which took place in Stellenbosch in May 1925, when Dr. Verwoerd, who was at that time a lecturer in psychology, refused to attend a reception held in honour of the Prince of Wales.[21]

In the general election held on 26 May 1948 Dr Verwoerd stood in the Transvaal constituency of Alberton, but lost narrowly by 171 votes. Nonetheless the National Party won the election by 79 to 71 seats. Dr. Verwoerd was elected to the Senate as a representative of Transvaal and soon became party whip. In 1950 he became leader of the Nationalists in the Senate. In October of that year he was appointed Minister of Native Affairs, replacing Dr. E.G. Jansen who was elevated to the position of Governor-General. Once he had accepted the post, Dr. Verwoerd undertook a deep study of Bantu institutions, traditions and thought processes. His expertise in psychology and the use of vivid imagery enable him to communicate with African people with great facilitation.[22] Later he would encourage his officials to learn at least one African language. During the 1930s Dr. Verwoerd had a played a key role in the resolution of the poor white problem. Dr. Verwoerd believed that this experience would stand him in good stead in his ambitious desire to uplift all the Bantu people of South Africa.[23]

It has been claimed that Dr. Verwoerd was the architect of apartheid,[24] but this is incorrect. Eighty percent of the so called apartheid laws[25] were promulgated by the Dutch and British colonial governments between 1652 and 1910. For example in 1685 Governor Simon van der Stel passed a law prohibiting miscegenation between the different races, while on 4 November 1808 the Earl of Caledon introduced the first pass laws, the Hottentot Code.[26] In terms of Section XIX (4) of the London Convention of 27 February 1884, signed by the High Commissioner for Southern Africa, Sir Hercules Robinson, natives were "allowed to move freely within the country [South African Republic], or to leave it for any legal purpose, under a pass system". In 1905 Sir Godfrey Yeatman Lagden, chairman of the South African Native Affairs Commission, drew up a report which recommended the separation of Black South Africans and White South Africans as occupiers of land and as voters. The report was adopted by Lord Alfred Milner, the Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. A further 10% of the apartheid, or more correctly separate development laws, such as the Native Land Apportionment Act of 1913[27] and the Native Trust and Land Act of 1936 were passed by the Botha-Smuts-Hertzog administrations. The latter act granted 13% of the country's land, which included the richest platinum mines in the world, to the indigenous population. The number of hectares allocated in the new law increased by 150% from six million to 15 million. It also needs to be pointed out that these territories consisted of some of the most fertile regions with a high rainfall and may be juxtaposed to the fact that over 30% of white land was semi-desert.

One further factor which provides a more accurate perspective, is that if one includes the three former High Commission protectorates of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, which form an integral part of Southern Africa south of the Limpopo River, the land owned by African people of this region rises to 50%.[28] In a speech he gave on 3 September 1963, when opening the Transvaal Congress of the National Party in Pretoria, Dr. Verwoerd suggested, in an act of good neighbourliness, that the Protectorates should be allowed to develop to independence under South Africa's guardianship and added that: "I am sure that if we put our case to them they would wish us to be their guardians". He believed that South Africa "could lead them far better and quicker to independence and economic prosperity than Britain can".[29] He reiterated that South Africa had no territorial ambitions over

Hendrik Verwoerd aged 11 (*centre*) with his father, Wilhelmus and sister, Lucie (4). The photograph was taken at their home in Wynberg, Cape Town in 1912.

the Protectorates, but that it had a very indirect interest in that it wanted good and prosperous neighbours. This was in line with Dr. Verwoerd's policy that South Africa did not wish to be the leader of Africa, but wished rather to co-operate with other nations and be a provider of knowledge, service and aid.[30]

Whereas in North America[31] and Australasia the indigenous populations were largely eradicated, this was not the case in Southern Africa. The Whites protected the Blacks and if that protection had not been given, they may well have been very few Black people living in the region today.[32] Furthermore the Whites also prevented the Blacks from exterminating each other.[33]

The first two prime ministers of South Africa Generals Louis Botha and Jan Smuts were firm supporters of separate development as the following quotations reveal. Louis Botha said the following:

"The placing of the races on an equal footing will never bring about satisfaction and therefore another direction must be taken…that the solution is to be found in the expansion of the rights of the natives. One must give these people a certain amount of self-government – under the supervision of the whites naturally…so that they can work themselves upwards".[34]

"The kaffir[35] question was the most difficult of all, but he believed that it could be solved by separating the kaffirs into certain areas and giving them the right to self-determination – but nowhere else".[36]

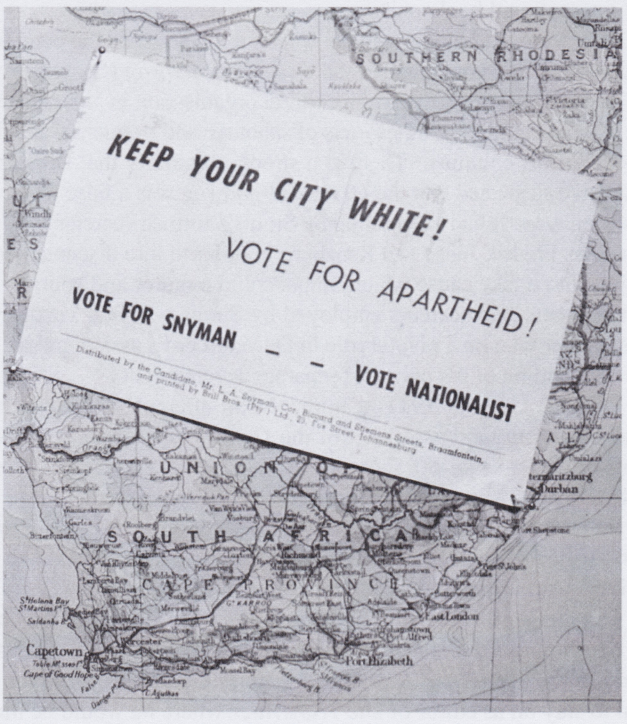
"The whites must adopt a very careful attitude in connection with the natives…they bear the responsibility to develop these people. Separation is only to the advantage of the native… If the natives are separated, they must be given the right to govern themselves. Let them govern themselves under the supervision of the white".[37]

The views of General Smuts were almost identical. In a speech titled 'The White Man's Task', which he delivered on 22 May 1917 while a member of the British Imperial War Cabinet, he said:

"We have realised that political ideas which apply to our white civilisation largely do not apply to the administration of native affairs. To apply the same institutions on an equal basis to white and black alike does not lead to the best results, and so a practice has grown up in South Africa of creating parallel institutions – giving the natives their own separate institutions on parallel lines with institutions for whites. It may be that on those parallel lines we may yet be able to solve a problem which may otherwise be insoluble…We have felt more and more that if we are to solve our native question it is useless to try and govern black and white in the same system, to subject them to the same institutions of government and legislation. They are different not only in colour but in mind and in political capacity and their political institutions should be different, while always proceeding on the basis of self-government… We have now legislation before the Parliament of the Union in which an attempt is made…to create all over South Africa, wherever there are any considerable native communities, independent self-governing institutions for them. Thus in South Africa you will have in the long run large areas cultivated by blacks, where they will look after themselves in all their forms of living and development, while in the rest of the country you will have white communities, which will govern themselves separately according to accepted European principles."[38]

In 1929 General Smuts repeated the same ideas and policies more emphatically at the Rhodes Memorial Lectures held at Oxford University.[39] It was not only leading Afrikaners who held such views. In Natal, Sir Theophilus Shepstone, the Secretary for Native Affairs (1853-1875), who spoke fluent Xhosa and Zulu, first introduced the policy of apartheid, which he called separation.[40] The main focus of his policy was on maintaining tribal customs and not enforcing white civilisation. In a parliamentary debate on the Natives Lands Act in April 1913, a member of the Unionist Party, Sir Patrick Duncan, who was later appointed Governor-General in 1937, said that "everyone would agree with the principle enunciated by the Minister that it was to the best interests of Europeans and natives that points of social contact should be reduced to the least possible area".[41] Separate racial development had been standard practice since the inception of Britain's colonial era.[42] The Lord Lugard, Governor-General of Nigeria (1913-1918) first introduced separate development in British colonial West Africa. "Lugard's policy was that the African peoples' own social and political institutions, the product of centuries of accumulated experience and wisdom, should be preserved, strengthened and modernised in an evolutionary manner".[43] One of Lord Lugard's favourite dicta was, "Never try to turn the African Black into an Oxford Blue!"[44]

Thus we may perceive that the structure of parallel or separate development had already been firmly laid down by Dr. Verwoerd's predecessors over the previous 300 years. Dr. Verwoerd was only responsible for refining the parameters and shaping them into a coherent and workable policy. The National Party codified many of the existing customary conventions and practices such as the Immorality Act of 1949,[45] Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act of 1949 and the Group Areas Act of 1950 which provided for separate residential areas. Dr. Verwoerd also replaced passes with identity books. The purpose of these identity books was to protect existing workers from the influx of non-urban blacks and illegal immigrants, who would force wages down and reduce their living standards.[46] All these laws were designed to protect the indigenous population rather than to harm them.



A 1953 general election flyer for the National Party's candidate in Braamfontein, a Johannesburg suburb. The National Party won a clear majority, with 94 of the 156 Assembly seats, having previously had a small coalition majority since 1948.

In a speech[47] he gave to the South Africa Club on 17 March 1961, Dr. Verwoerd explained that when the first settlers arrived they did not come as colonists or colonisers and that they only occupied vacant land. They first encountered black people at the Great Fish River in the Eastern Cape in 1779 and did not appropriate any of their areas. Contrary to what happened to the indigenous people in the Americas, they were not eradicated. Blacks did not develop themselves and therefore sought along with black foreigners work in white areas, food and the benefits of civilisation, such as health services and security and did not demand any political rights. Moreover, they were often fleeing from tyranny and internecine tribal warfare. The immigration of black workers into urban areas had to a great extent been spurred on by the expansion of the mining sector and industrialisation which had taken place during the world wars.

Stephen Mitford Goodson, Pringle Bay, South Africa

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34 *Ibid.*, xxx.

35 *Ibid.*, p 278. Here Dr Verwoerd confirms that he never used the pejorative term 'kaffir'.

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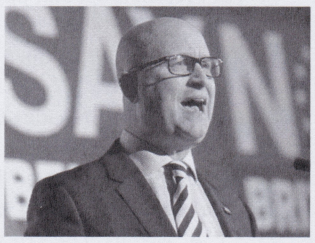
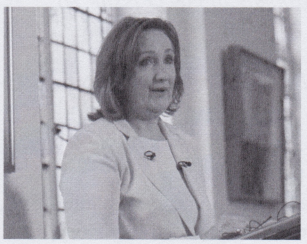
The Strange Death of UKIP

During its short life, the United Kingdom Independence Party achieved more than any other small party. Nigel Farage took UKIP from fringe obscurity to being the largest single party at the 2014 European Parliamentary elections – UKIP's best ever performance, when they elected 24 MEPs and won 26.6% of the nationwide vote. Most importantly, Farage's party terrified Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron to such an extent that in January 2013 Cameron felt obliged to promise an in-out referendum on our membership of the European Union, which of course resulted in the 'Brexit' vote on June 23rd.

Yet even during the successful referendum campaign, the fault-lines that are now destroying UKIP were evident. Party leader Farage and his sole MP Douglas Carswell backed rival campaign groups: Carswell stood alongside senior Tories and a handful of Labour politicians in the officially recognised group 'Vote Leave', while Farage and his main financial backer, controversial insurance tycoon Arron Banks, formed a rival group called 'Leave.EU'.

The bitter feud between these factions intensified in the weeks following the referendum. Farage resigned the leadership, timing the contest for his successor so as to exclude leading rival and former deputy chairman Suzanne Evans, who was backed by Carswell and his friends but suspended from the party at the time.





UKIP's second leadership election in two months is likely to be decided between two main candidates: Paul Nuttall (*above left*) from Merseyside, voice of the northern, immigration-focused faction; and Suzanne Evans (*above right*), a former Tory from South London, who will appeal more to ex-Thatcherites.

First choice for the Farage faction was Steven Woolfe, a City lawyer and MEP for North West England. Woolfe's mixed ethnic background (part Irish Catholic, part African-American, part Jewish) helped to deflect allegations of "racism", even though his faction represents those in UKIP (like Farage) who want to campaign intensively on immigration, while the Carswell-Evans faction are more liberal (socially and economically).

Unfortunately Woolfe failed to submit his nomination papers to UKIP's head office on time and was disqualified from the race. Farage and his allies had to switch their support at the eleventh hour to South East England MEP Diane James, although it was clear she was reluctant to stand, and in the enforced absence of Suzanne Evans, Ms James easily won the leadership with 46% of the vote. Her nearest challenger Lisa Duffy (candidate of the Evans-Carswell faction but otherwise obscure) polled 25.1%.

Yet the new leader lasted a mere eighteen days before relinquishing her post on October 4th. This was the cue for yet further bizarre developments which quickly reduced UKIP to joke status. Steven Woolfe was once again promoted as the Faragiste standard bearer, yet there were continuing questions over his character and commitment. An influential political blog picked up rumours that Woolfe had been considering defection to the Conservative Party, and the UKIP leadership favourite was forced to admit that these rumours were true. Worse was to follow. When challenged during a party caucus meeting at the European Parliament about these defection rumours, Woolfe angrily confronted one of his accusers – fellow UKIP MEP Mike Hookem – and suggested they step outside the room to resolve their differences with their fists rather than rhetoric. This proved unwise as Woolfe quickly got the worst of the fight: in circumstances still unclear, he ended up hospitalised!

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the fracas, it was pretty obvious that yet again Woolfe would have to drop out of the contest, especially once further stories began to circulate of his unruly behaviour, including an incident at Chester Football Club in April where Woolfe was thrown out of the club's hospitality area following an ugly spat with another political rival.

On October 17th Woolfe accepted the inevitable, not only quitting the leadership race but actually quitting the party completely, arguing: "The party I joined in 2011 is now ungovernable. The last few months have demonstrated that it lacks direction, purpose and any semblance of professional organisation."

Woolfe will continue to sit as an Independent MEP (presumably until the UK's formal withdrawal from European institutions, which will probably be in a couple of years' time). Yet as repeatedly predicted in *H&D* and on our website, the long-term intention of the Farage faction is to break away and start a new party or movement, with the financial support of Arron Banks and friends.

The only short-term question is whether in the meantime the Faragistes will rally behind their only credible remaining candidate, Woolfe's fellow North West MEP Paul Nuttall, who earlier declined to enter the contest but has now been persuaded. In a *Daily Telegraph* article on October 21st, Nuttall hinted that he would sharpen UKIP's focus on immigration and on an appeal to the northern working class: "There is fertile ground for a party which is the patriotic, sensible voice for working people. One that believes in firm but fair immigration policies; that wants to see real social mobility and equality for all classes; that puts victims before criminals, ensuring that sentences mean what they say; and is not afraid to put British people at the top of the pile in the job market."

Since her suspension has now ended, Suzanne Evans will be Nuttall's main rival. An alternative Faragiste candidate would be the ex-leader's former aide Raheem Kassam, ethnic Indian editor-in-chief of the conservative website Breitbart London, but he is probably more credible on Twitter (and among his American Tea Party and Trump campaign allies) than among UKIP's ordinary members. A circus of minor candidates have already declared their candidatures, including two homosexuals – UKIP's leader in Scotland and sole Scottish MEP David Coburn, and the party's London Assembly leader Peter Whittle; and Whittle's mixed-race colleague David Kurten. West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge, still best known for being thrown out of the Tory Party in a "racist" row over golliwogs, is likely to stand again but is hardly a credible contender, having finished a distant third with 13.7% last time.

The bottom line beyond all the personal bitterness is that UKIP lacks a core ideology, once its main objective of EU withdrawal has been achieved. Some members remain solely focused on completing the Brexit process; others are quasi-libertarians whose main interest is rolling back the frontiers of the state, cutting welfare budgets and privatising even the NHS (which for most British voters amounts to an extremist agenda); yet others are social conservatives who are to some extent racially conscious, or are at least serious about restricting immigration.

The Evans-Carswell group lean towards a neo-Thatcherite focus on tax cutting and shrinking the state; the Farage-Nuttall faction aim to push the politics of immigration, re-enfranchising the long despised, socially conservative working class.

A complicating factor is that the Faragistes have always detested UKIP's constitution and aim for 'reforms' of its structure to increase the power of the leader and diminish the ability of the National Executive to raise objections. As they have been unable to achieve these reforms via the rulebook, Farage and his money man Arron Banks seem to have been convinced of the need for a new outfit. By the end of November UKIP will have a new leader; by the end of the year there could be a new party or theoretically cross-party lobby group. For racial nationalists, despite the chaos of our own movement, 2017 is a year filled with political potential.

Andy Ritchie, Huddersfield, Yorkshire

Nationalist Division at Batley & Spen by-election

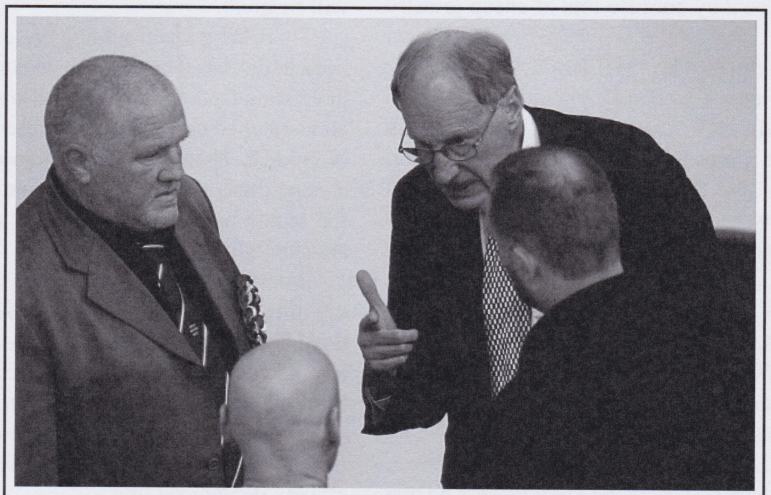
One of the strangest by-elections in British history was held on October 20th in the West Yorkshire constituency of Batley & Spen.

This constituency contains several wards which were (just a few years ago) solid nationalist targets. Best known is the Heckmondwike ward which was won by the BNP at several elections in the early 2000s and was one of the strongest nationalist areas in England. David Exley first won Heckmondwike at a by-election in August 2003, and was re-elected top of the poll the following year.

In 2006 former Tory candidate Roger Roberts defected to the BNP and won a second Heckmondwike ward seat for the party, whose candidates were very close runners-up in two of the constituency's other wards, Cleckheaton and Liversedge & Gomersall.

Even without winning a single seat in 2008 (only eight years ago) the BNP polled 36% in Heckmondwike; 20.4% in Cleckheaton; 19.1% in Liversedge & Gomersall; 15.7% in Birstall & Birkenshaw; 15% in Batley West; 13.6% in Batley East (the constituency's most Asian ward, and in 2008 therefore the weakest nationalist vote).

Sadly the political landscape has been transformed during those eight years. Most obviously, this by-election was caused by the murder of Labour MP Jo Cox – a murder which the media cynically blamed on the "far right". We cannot comment fully on this crime for legal reasons, but we are 100% confident that when the full facts are known, there will be no negative impact on the racial nationalist movement.



Richard Edmonds with fellow nationalists including Chris Vanns of the BNP (*left*) and Chris Jackson of the NF (*right*) at the Batley & Spen parliamentary by-election count on October 20th.

Yet for the time being, even racially conscious voters were understandably scared by the establishment lie machine. The establishment parties (Conservative, Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Green) united to support Labour – hypocritically implying that no decent politician should oppose Labour here because of Jo Cox's death. This is a novel constitutional theory: several MPs were victims of IRA terror, without anyone suggesting that rival parties should stand aside in the ensuing by-elections.

A second obvious factor is the collapse of the BNP across Yorkshire since 2010. Although the party fielded a candidate – former London mayoral candidate Dave Furness – the BNP no longer has an activist base anywhere in Yorkshire.

And this leads to the third factor: our movement is in a chaotic state. The first, broadly nationalist, candidate to launch his by-election campaign was Jack Buckby, of the tiny Liberty GB party. This is effectively a political arm of the rapidly declining English Defence League, and its leader Paul Weston has explicitly allied himself with Jewish terrorist groups. (See our fully documented report on the *H&D* website, dating from 2012 when Mr Weston was attempting to launch the British Freedom Party: he has since moved on to Liberty GB.)

After long consideration (and despite several private discussions with journalists) *Heritage & Destiny* decided not to advertise Mr Weston's hypocrisy to the press during the campaign, despite the grotesque irony of his candidate describing himself as "no to terrorism", while his party leader eagerly endorsed terrorist platforms.

Quite rightly, the National Front decided that Mr Buckby (though himself a decent and honest young nationalist) could not be allowed to present himself unchallenged (given the disgraceful conduct of his party leader) as the nationalist standard bearer in Batley & Spen. Therefore nationalist veteran Richard Edmonds volunteered to convey a genuine nationalist message as NF candidate.

What no-one expected was that the BNP would enter the race. Everyone in nationalism recognises that the BNP still (from the ordinary voter's standpoint) has the best known political "brand name". Yet equally we all known that in reality the BNP is dead.

Political reality takes some time to percolate through to voters. The BNP vote collapsed to just 2.7% – but the vast majority of racially conscious voters simply stayed at home. The by-election turnout was just 25.8%: barely a quarter of the constituency's electorate. (This is the seventh lowest parliamentary turnout in British history.)

Unsurprisingly Labour's candidate was elected in Batley & Spen with more than 85% of that small minority who bothered to vote, in what amounted to an exercise in mass illusion, assisted by our own failures. This by-election is just one more step in the long process of rebuilding a credible nationalist movement.

At first glance the biggest surprise was that the English Democrats finished runners-up in this by-election, though losing their deposit with 4.7%. Yet should we really be surprised, given the absence of the Tories and UKIP? The EDs have a long history of respectable election votes in Yorkshire. Last time there was a by-election avoided by major parties – at Haltemprice & Howden in 2008 – the EDs finished a strong third with 7.2%.

Although there are still a number of former Yorkshire BNP activists in the EDs, their votes at this by-election surely came mainly from people who would in normal circumstances have backed the Tories or UKIP. Nationalist-inclined voters mainly stayed at home, understandably demoralised both by the media portrayal of our movement as in some way responsible for the murder of an MP, and at the chronic disunity reflected in the multiplicity of candidates.

This is the movement's lowest point since the farcical Vauxhall by-election of 1989, when two rival candidates each described themselves as "National Front" and polled 0.4% and 0.3% respectively. Arguably this year's version is worse, since Batley & Spen was – just a few years ago – one of England's real strongholds of racial nationalist politics. At another nadir of our movement in 1987, the BNP and NF stood against each other in the Greenwich parliamentary by-election, each polling 0.3%.

So never despair: we have been in this situation before: and don't forget that just a few years after those embarrassments at two London by-elections, nationalism in the capital was at an all-time high, with Derek Beackon's by-election victory in 1993. The important thing is for nationalists to stay focused, seek inspiration from the advances of our movement elsewhere in Europe, and for all the many genuine people in our movement to move on from the era of money-grabbing and petty factionalism.

Peter Rushton, Manchester, England

Letters From Readers

Sir – I have long been a fan of crime fiction and such detective and special agent characters as Bulldog Drummond, Lord Peter Wimsey, Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple. On the 'Semitic Controversies' online blog is the following interesting analysis:

"This weak and scheming nature is also seen in the Drummond novels and stories in the singular preoccupation of the Jewish characters with money. For example in *Knock-Out* an old Jew named Samuel Aaronstein is mentioned as being honest with other people's money as if it is rather unusual for a Jew to be honest with money. Even then he is said to pinch-pennies to an extraordinary degree! Drummond also refers darkly in *Bulldog Drummond* to a 'Jew financier' named Samuel Levy who works with the leftist revolutionaries. While in *The Black Gang* we find two Jewish clerks being described as trying to dress well, but then fail to do so because they confuse lots of cheap jewelry with a genuine sense of style."

In the *Baker Street Journal* is the article: "SHERLOCK HOLMES: ANTI-SEMITE?" by Andrew Solberg – Conan Doyle indulged in mild anti-Semitism, as well. In *A Study in Scarlet*, Watson is unpleasantly surprised to find calling at Baker Street "a grey-headed, seedy visitor, looking like a Jew peddler." In *The Cardboard Box*, Holmes takes delight in having tricked '"a Jew broker in Tottenham Court Road" out of five hundred guineas by paying him only fifty-five shillings for a Stradivarius violin. And in *The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place*, Sir Robert Norberton laments his terrible position. "I am deeply in the hands of the Jews," he complains, meaning that he is deeply in debt.

And in addition we read on Wikipedia: "Biographers of Dorothy L Sayers have disagreed as to whether Sayers was anti-Semitic." In *Sayers: A Biography*, James Brabazon argues that she was. This is rebutted by Carolyn G. Heilbrun in *Dorothy L. Sayers: Biography Between the Lines*. McGregor and Lewis argue in *Conundrums for the Long Week-End* that Sayers was not anti-Semitic but used popular British stereotypes of class and ethnicity. In 1936, a translator wanted "to soften the thrusts against the Jews" in *Whose Body?*

Sayers' fellow lady crime novelist Agatha Christie occasionally inserted stereotyped descriptions of characters into her work, particularly before the end of the Second World War (when such attitudes were more commonly expressed publicly), and particularly in regard to Jews and non-Europeans. For example, she described "Hebraic men with hook-noses wearing rather flamboyant jewellery" in the first editions of the collection *The Mysterious Mr Quin* (1930), in the short story *The Soul of the Croupier*; in later editions, the passage was edited to describe "sallow men" wearing same. In *The Hollow*, published as late as 1946, one of the more unsympathetic characters is "a Whitechapel Jewess with dyed hair and a voice like a corncrake ... a small woman with a thick nose, henna red and a disagreeable voice". Jewish characters are often seen as un-English (such as Oliver Manders in *Three Act Tragedy*), but they are rarely the culprits. Often, she is affectionate or teasing with her prejudices. After four years of war-torn London, Christie hoped to return some day to Syria, which she described as "gentle fertile country and its simple people, who know how to laugh and how to enjoy life; who are idle and gay, and who have dignity, good manners, and a great sense of humour, and to whom death is not terrible."

Sayers' story *Strong Poison* sees Lord Peter investigating the death of a hypocritical Left-winger who opposes marriage on Anarchist grounds but then supports it on the sly. There is a wealth of English 'politically incorrect' crime fiction from the 20th century – so why not have a look?

Yours sincerely,

Robert Best, Horsham, Sussex

Sir – If Donald Trump is elected in November it will be four years of excitement for the press and all of us. Every week there will be a new controversy or scandal. A Clinton Presidency will also have plenty of scandals to entertain us but they will be less interesting. It is wonderful that the

scum we see rioting when Trump visits their town as well as the elite establishment both hate Trump and will be so upset if he wins. Imagine all of the bloody protesters being arrested during the inauguration. It will be great.

There are a few troubling issues about Donald Trump but there is no need to discuss them here; I am sure the Clinton team will expose some interesting facts and twisted half-truths closer to election time. However, all concerned citizens should vote for him because there is a possibility of change. There is a small chance that President Trump will actually change the course of the USA and Europe too. People who do not vote for Trump are consenting to four more years of the same policies that are slowly destroying us.

President Trump will be less likely to continue the tradition of diplomatic nonsense where our leader hugs foreign leaders and tells them how wonderful they are in a carefully staged photo session for the journalists. We hope that Trump refuses to meet with leaders like Angela Merkel, who welcomed a million invaders into the heart of Europe. I hope he will show his disgust on our behalf, to the treasonous leaders of Europe who betray the interests of their people, some of whom have already denounced him.

Perhaps our enemies will fear us again. With a few policy changes America could end the conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq victoriously and withdraw all troops in six months.

We do not need a wall on our southern border, but we expect an end to the invasion of America by hostile cultures. It is not too difficult to cut illegal immigration by 90% and legal immigration should also be cut by about the same if not more.

If President Trump only deports one or two million illegal aliens out of the 10 or 20 million who are here, that would be quite an accomplishment. Many of his supporters expect more. Anything less would be a major disappointment and Donald Trump would be the most hated president since Lyndon Johnson.

Even if Trump loses, the next round of candidates seeking the Presidency in 2020 can learn from his bold statements which every political strategist would have advised against previously.

The voters are angry about what happened to America and will support the candidate who says the most outrageous things.

Our next leader will not need to say anything too outrageous. Donald Trump did not really say anything shocking. Fifty years ago promising to enforce immigration laws and prevent our enemies from immigrating here legally would not have caused such a commotion. Saying that a Mexican-American judge might be biased is not really that appalling.

Do not apologize. Trump has never backed down from anything he said, although some of his statements were wrong. If Trent Lott had not apologized for making those remarks about Strom Thurmond a few years ago, his career could have gone to the next level. If he had proudly stood up and defended his statement he might be our current President rather than Obama. Lott apologized and as a result his enemies still hate him and his friends lost respect for him.

Watch the black vote. Trump will not get less than the 5% of black voters who usually vote for Republicans. If Trump gets more than 10% it would be very significant. It would bring blacks closer to the mainstream of American society showing that they care about other issues and are sick of their votes being bought by the Democrats. Blacks can take for

granted all of the benefits they receive and now they want a leader that will speak from his heart rather than from a script carefully written by a team of political advisors. Many blacks are starting to understand that millions of Hispanics and Arabs coming to America hurts them the most.
Yours sincerely,
Jim Schneider, Gaithersberg, Maryland

Sir – Whatever the outcome of the so-called Brexit negotiations, and future foul play is more than expected, the decision to leave the EU represents a significant moral victory for nationalism. Notwithstanding that some people from the Left voted to leave as had certain members of the so-called ethnic minorities, but for very different reasons, the result of the Referendum was a major success, and against the odds, as it was in opposition to powerful vested interests. In fact the Leave campaign was gathering considerable momentum when it came to a sudden halt following the death of Jo Cox, MP for Batley & Spen and a committed Remainer. Momentum seemed to then move in favour of the Remain campaign, and "Far-Right" involvement was quickly attributed to her death.

As somebody who runs a business in the late Jo Cox's constituency, I met her on one occasion, and although I found her personable, she seemed very naive and idealistic. It was only after her death I learnt that she favoured accepting more migrants into the country, that she employed a large number of Asian staff and had relocated her office from a largely white area to a more "diverse" location. I then heard complaints that she had offered little assistance when requested with the local scout group but spent more time involving herself in matters affecting Muslims.

Leaving the EU will not solve the demographic problems we are facing, but it offers reassurance that occasionally our people can bestir themselves.
Yours sincerely,
Alec Victor, Bradford, West Yorkshire

Sir – I have been a major social credit fan since I first read literature about the movement around thirty years ago. I really enjoyed the article in *H&D* 73, "The Social Credit Movement in Britain". A most excellent historical primer! It looks as though the UK-based SC folks have their act together and are ready to act politically. I wonder if they are aware of "The Pilgrims of St. Michael" group in Quebec who run the major North American version of advocacy of Social Credit. A handshake between the two entities couldn't be bad.

There's a distinct difference between the two: the Sons of St. George folks are obviously heavy-duty nationalists and well-organized. The Michael folks in Quebec are equally well-organized, have lots of resources ... but they have a repugnant trait: they blindly support every Vatican-Two idiot Pope who comes down the pike. They were great cheerleaders for Pope Paul VI who sabotaged many good efforts to return the Church to tradition. They warmly embraced Pope Benedict Arnold who ignored the rampant pedophilia/buggery/homism in the Church; They just *love* the "Catholic youth week" sex-fests that break out every few years in Western countries. And they fall over backwards for the new, openly communist jackass, Pope Frank the First.

So I think the Social Credit movement could benefit from a cross-Atlantic handshake between the UK and North American versions of Social Credit. Maybe the Sons of St George can straighten out the confused Quebecois. I'm curious if Sons of St. George have an opinion about this?
Respectfully
George Bancroft, Florida

Sir – I enjoyed the book reviews by Jez Turner (*The Secret Behind Communism*) and Harvey Williams (*The Tribe Abhorr'd – Hilaire Belloc and the Jews*) on "The Jews" who seem to be by far the most sensitive ethnic group in Britain and become alarmed at the smallest criticism of themselves or their religion: anything remotely anti-semitic appears to cause panic. In late 2014 a young man from Liverpool was sentenced to four weeks in jail for sending an anti-Semitic tweet to Jewish MP Luciana Berger: "Hitler was right! You can always trust a Jew to show their true colours eventually" is enough to have one sent to jail.

When one thinks of all the abuse and offensive messages that we racial nationalists have taken overs the years, then half of the "anti-fascists" in Britain should have spent time in jail by now. The panic reaction of the Jewish population to Antisemitism is down to the last few hundred years of their history. We understand that Jews have been attacked in almost every land they have taken residency in, and the Jewish community leaders never leave aside the history of pogroms, Nazi Germany or violent acts of anti-Semitism by the Catholic church. They have even organized school trips to concentration camps for Jewish youngsters as part of Jewish education.

In May of this year the *Daily Telegraph* ran a report saying how German police are hunting two members of the British group National Action, after a photo showed two members giving Nazi salutes at Buchenwald concentration camp. An incident from a few years ago which is worth remembering is when a Jewish student at St Andrews University in Scotland won a court case against two left wingers for racial abuse, after he said he felt intimidated when they entered his room and one of them rubbed his hands on his genitals and then on the flag of Israel which was hung on a wall. At the court case a large mob of PSC (Palestine Solidarity Campaign) turned up and reacted with fury at the conviction. This makes one wonder if Scotland could be the most politically antisemitic region in the UK today.

All racial nationalists who are anti-Zionist must be extremely careful with what they say and do, because the law is like a brick just waiting to be dropped on you for even for the most trivial statement. I say please leave the jail cells free for the far-left and hot-headed Muslims. The last thing we need is young men being jailed, like Joshua Bonehill-Paine who received a shocking three and a half years in 2015 for inciting racial hatred by circulating images online and making statements about Jewish people. Friends – you are no good to the great cause of the 14 Words sitting in a prison cell: we need your commitment to building our movements and political parties!
Yours for Race and Nation
Austin Stonham, Manchester, England

Sir – Having won the referendum we will now leave the EU and clamp down on European immigration, but the massive influx of non-Europeans is set to continue. The nationalists should therefore forget about Europe and concentrate on campaigning against Third World immigration. UKIP successfully, and fraudulently, conflated immigration with the EU but we are about to discover that this was not the truth. The capitalists love cheap labour and if they can't hire Poles they will hire Pakistanis. There's no point in blaming the people. They are brainwashed by the popular press and incapable of thinking straight. It's up to us to educate and inform them.
Best wishes.
Bill Baillie, Vauxhall, London

Movement News Update

On October 20th, the same day as Batley & Spen (*see page 19*) there was another parliamentary by-election in **Witney**, a traditionally safe Conservative constituency in Oxfordshire. This followed the resignation of former Prime Minister David Cameron, who reneged on a pledge to remain a backbench MP after quitting Downing Street.

Voters are often unimpressed by this sort of behaviour, and with Witney being a prosperous, pro-Remain constituency there seemed stronger potential for a Liberal Democrat or Labour protest vote than for UKIP. The English Democrats complicated the picture by selecting former boxer Winston McKenzie, a Black candidate in an almost entirely White constituency with which he had no previous connection! What on earth were they thinking?

So on the same day as finishing runners-up in Batley & Spen, the EDs were humiliated in Witney, finishing twelfth of fourteen candidates with only 52 votes (0.1%). Even UKIP polled miserably by their standards, falling from 9.2% and third place at last year's general election to a poor fifth in the by-election with 3.5%. As expected, substantial numbers of pro-Remain middle-class Tories backed the Lib Dems, who after years in the doldrums are beginning to revive as the all-purpose party of protest.

Former boxer Winston McKenzie (*above right*) – seen here with the ex-leader of UKIP, Nigel Farage – has been an election candidate several times for UKIP and more recently the English Democrats. He polled just 0.1% at the Witney parliamentary by-election on October 20th for the 'civic nationalist' EDs.

Older nationalists will be familiar with the Lib Dems (and previously the old Liberal Party), fighting well organised and often cynical campaigns to harvest protest votes. It's early days, but if they start to pick up again, they could prove a real obstacle both to UKIP (especially given the latter's frequent incompetence) and to any revived nationalist party.

Coinciding with the October 20th parliamentary by-elections, UKIP had to defend a council seat in Strood South ward, **Medway**, after the resignation of deputy group leader Catriona Brown-Reckless. This was not one of the usual UKIP resignations motivated by disinterest, disillusion or factional splits. The former councillor's husband, ex-MP Mark Reckless, won a Welsh Assembly seat earlier this year, so it didn't make much sense for his wife to continue as a councillor on the other side of the United Kingdom. The result reflected UKIP's present turmoil, falling to third place with 25.5%, down from 38.6% when Mrs Reckless was elected.

Unusually the English Democrats also contested this Strood by-election. ED candidate Mike Russell finished bottom of the poll with just 23 votes (1.2%).

Completing a terrible by-election day for UKIP, they finished sixth of six candidates in St Mary's ward, **East Riding of Yorkshire**, polling only 2.7% (down 10.3%).

Even before their leadership farce, at the start of the autumn by-election season on September 1st, UKIP had failed three important local tests. In Four Lanes ward, **Cornwall**, a vacancy was created by the resignation of UKIP councillor Derek Elliott, who had been part of a six-strong group elected in 2013: his resignation left only one survivor. Confirming the total collapse of UKIP in Cornwall, the party's by-election candidate finished last of six candidates – down from 28.5% to 6.6%.

Another of UKIP's former strongholds in South West England, the Ferndown division of **Dorset** County Council, also saw the party's vote collapse. Here UKIP had won one of the two seats being contested in 2013: the other had gone to a long serving Conservative, and it was the death of this Tory that caused the by-election. In normal circumstances one would expect UKIP to have had a strong chance of gaining the second seat, but instead the party's dire straits were confirmed with its vote falling from 44% to 30%. Obviously this is a vote that would once have seemed very healthy, but the point is that this was an area which UKIP had previously won, and has now lost a third of its vote in just three years.

Finally in Kinson North ward, **Bournemouth**, there was a by-election which should have been a serious UKIP target, having been close runners-up here last year. Yet in the by-election they slipped to third place behind a strangely resurgent Labour.

There was far better news for UKIP on September 8th in Shepway South ward, **Maidstone**, where they easily retained the seat following the death of former group leader Dave Sergeant. Very unusually the UKIP vote actually increased, from 38% to 45%. However this only emphasises the extent to which UKIP's electoral prospects now seem confined to very particular areas of Eastern England – from Lincolnshire, through East Anglia, down to Essex and Kent. Even in these areas there are only pockets of UKIP strength, typically those with a demographic like Shepway – which has a large, mainly White council estate.

The interesting question is why UKIP appeals to that demographic in parts of the East coast, but not (to anything like the same extent) on White council estates in the North.

The northernmost extension of UKIP's east coast power base is now **Hartlepool**, a 98% White, former steel and shipbuilding town in County Durham now blighted by post-industrial decline. UKIP now has a sixth councillor in Hartlepool after winning a by-election in Headland & Harbour ward on October 6th: this was a truly excellent UKIP result. Tim Fleming won 49.2% – almost double the vote of the Labour runner-up.

Yet in almost every other area of Britain, UKIP's election results have matched their organisational collapse. On the same day as their strong result in Maidstone, UKIP failed badly in Mosborough ward, **Sheffield**, where they had been runners-up in each of the past three years. The UKIP vote fell from 22.2% to 12.4%. Most worrying perhaps was that the Liberal Democrats (who had been in the electoral doghouse since entering a Westminster coalition with the Tories in 2010) resumed their old role as the protest vote party and gained this Sheffield seat from Labour – just as they had gained the Cornwall seat from UKIP a week earlier.

Another Lib Dem gain on September 15th gave further evidence of this trend, when they took Tupton ward, **NE Derbyshire**, from Labour. Admittedly this was in unusual circumstances, since the Labour councillor had been forced to resign after a pub brawl. For *H&D* readers the strangest aspect of this Tupton by-election was the re-appearance of the British Peoples Party.

The BPP name has a long history in British racial nationalism. After Sir Oswald Mosley reorganised his British Union of Fascists and National Socialists in 1937, for combined financial and political/factional reasons, he sacked two of the BUF's most prominent officials, former Labour MP John Beckett and future national socialist radio broadcaster William Joyce. Beckett and Joyce organised an alliance of the non-Mosleyite "far right", including the National Socialist League and traditionalist movements such as the English Array, *inter alia* pioneering campaigns for organic farming.

When this alliance itself split in 1939, Beckett formed the original British Peoples Party with financial backing from Lord Tavistock (later Duke of Bedford). As with other racialist/nationalist/fascist groups, this BPP was almost destroyed during the Second World War, with many leading members such as Beckett being interned without

trial. Postwar the BPP limped on but was soon overshadowed by a revived Mosleyite Union Movement, and the hardcore activities of Arnold Leese and the young Colin Jordan.

The BPP name was briefly revived during the many splits afflicting the National Front at the end of the 1970s. Leicester solicitor Anthony Reed Herbert led one of the breakaway factions after the 1979 general election, at first using the BPP name, then switching to British Democratic Party after discovering that the original BPP had been pro-national socialist. (Reed Herbert and his allies were in favour of 'modernising' the movement's image.)

In 2005 a third BPP was created by national socialists, mostly based in Yorkshire, including Eddy Morrison, Kevin Watmough and the late John Wood. Almost all of the BPP's membership had previously been in the White Nationalist Party, a name which the Electoral Commission refused to register as it was deemed "racist". The BPP itself was deregistered by its leader Kevin Watmough in 2013: most of its former leaders are now back in the NF.

So now we have a fourth BPP – sadly this one has absolutely no connection with racial nationalism, other than the BPP name. It seems to be merely a renaming of what until the end of 2015 was called the Patriotic Socialist Party, which itself was a rebranding of another tiny group called the United Peoples Party. All of these parties were run by a young chap called Andrew Stott and a handful of supporters: they seem to be genuinely "non-racist". The BPP have a parish councillor in Derbyshire, but as *H&D* has frequently observed, such positions do not really indicate anything about a party's electoral strength, as parish councillors are often co-opted unopposed. This point was proved by the Tupton by-election, when the BPP's parish councillor stood for a 'proper' contested borough council seat and polled just 6 votes (0.7%).

Blood & Honour's Ian Stuart anniversary event took place without disruption in rural Cambridgeshire in September.

Outside of party politics, the London Forum continues to host high profile meetings in our capital city, featuring some of the world's leading nationalist speakers. On September 24th former BNP official Mark Collett made a welcome return to frontline nationalism with a speech to a 100-strong Forum audience. Fellow speakers included Canadian free speech campaigner Paul Fromm, and the event also featured a performance by singer-songwriter Alison Chabloz, who was banned from this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival because her show featured a song about historical revisionism, inspired by a poem by Anglo-Swiss writer and publisher Gerard Menuhin (son of famous violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin).

Around 200 nationalists, from a combination of half a dozen or so different groups including the North East Infidels, what's left of the North West Infidels, Northern Patriotic Front, Scottish Defence League and National Action marched through the border town of Berwick-upon- Tweed on 1st October. Surprisingly there was very little left-wing opposition. National Action, whose members were mostly dressed all in black and carried NA flags, marched as a unit, semi-separate from the rest of the march. Although questioned about the wearing of political uniforms, no NA members have so far been charged.

On the same day, but a little further south, the Yorkshire Forum held their 11th meeting in Bradford, quite an achievement in itself. The speakers included former Islamic Party of the Britain leader, David Pidcock; long standing NF activist Tony Braithwaite; Robert Booth, and meeting organiser and BDP member Liam Kernaghan.

Also on the same day, but even further south in Birmingham, over forty delegates from all over the UK attended the 49th Annual General Meeting of the National Front. Chaired by Chris Jackson the attendees heard regional reports from Tony Martin (London), Adam Lloyd (Wales), and Dave McDonald for Scotland, and Chris himself for the North West. These were followed by department reports from Nick Walsh (Treasurer) and Eddy Morrison (Propaganda Department). After a short break the delegates heard speeches from Richard Edmonds (NF candidate in the Batley & Spen by-election); NF Chairman Dave McDonald; and former chairman Kevin Bryan who also was awarded the Albert Marriner Shield.

Blood and Honour, who organise the nationalist music scene, had a mixed month. Over the weekend of September 23-25, B&H held the 23rd Ian Stuart Donaldson anniversary concert – commonly known in movement circles as ISD, which commemorates the legendary *Skrewdriver* singer's death. Over 500 nationalists, young and old, mainly travelling from mainland Europe, enjoyed the weekend's festivities, without any hassle, in the quiet rural village of Haddenham, Cambridgeshire.

The Mail on Sunday and later *Russia Today* – who really should know better – ran silly scare stories about hundreds of neo-nazi skinheads running riot in rural Cambridgeshire, terrorizing the local wildlife, which was of course pure fantasy, fed to the media by *Hope Not Hate.*

However, less than a month later things did not go so well for B&H. Their planned concert near Falkirk, Scotland, featuring the famous American racialist band *Bound For Glory* was cancelled a few days before it was to go ahead on October 22nd. In the weeks leading up to the event, which 500 nationalists were expected to attend, various left-wing and Jewish groups had campaigned for the concert to be cancelled and the band members from *Bound For Glory* to be refused entry into the UK. In the end it all got too much for the organiser Vicky Pearson who reluctantly had to cancel the concert.

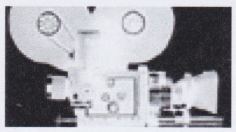
On October 22nd a tiny demonstration was held in Margate under the label 'White Lives Matter': fewer than forty demonstrators turned up to the march, which was organised by Paul Prodromou (co-organiser of the much better attended marches in Dover earlier this year).

As we go to press around 55 people have been arrested from England and Wales for their part in the rioting that took place in Dover on January 30th during and after one of those marches. Most of them have been charged, and around thirty have already been jailed. It has become one of the largest round-ups of nationalists since the Second World War.

Apart from John O'Brien whom we mentioned in our previous issue, NWI leader Sean Calvert (aka 'Diddyman') was jailed for 30 months; Thomas Allan – 22 months; Peter Atkinson – 7 years; Dean Barrett – 12 months; John Boyes – 20 months; Nicholas Cullin – 2 years; Josh Downey – 18 months; Martin Edwards – 10 months; Thomas Fereday – 16 months; Lee Finn – 10 months; Kevin Gough – 8 months; Shaun Jones – 4 years; Callum Lambe – 3 years; Adam Owen – 6 months; Mark Pearson – 2 years; Roy Price – 2 years; Darren Shield – 12 months; Nathan Waller – 2 years; Deaton Whitbread – 3 years; James Whitbread – 4 years; Richard Williams – 2 years.

Also a local drug addict called Arron Buttress – who seems to have joined in the fighting (initially on the 'anti-fascist' side) just for fun, after wandering into the riot while out shopping – was jailed for 20 months. The funny thing is that as yet none of the march organisers have been arrested – let alone jailed. *H&D* has disagreed with the nationalist veteran and video blogger Joe Owens many times over the years, but this time he could be right to suggest that state *agents provocateurs* have been at work.

Peter Rushton, Manchester, England



Movie Review – *The Magnificent Seven*

Released UK – September 2016. Distributed by Sony Pictures. Directed by: Antoine Fuqua; Rated: PG-13; Running time: 132 minutes.

To be honest I was not planning to review *The Magnificent Seven* in this issue of *H&D*. My first choice was going to be *Imperium* – the new Daniel Radcliffe movie about an FBI plant inside an American neo-Nazi group. However when *Imperium* opened in the UK towards the end of September, I discovered only six cinemas (yes 6!) in the whole country were showing it – and of course none near Preston.

So what was this reviewer to do? Looking through the "What's On" pages of the local rag, I discovered the remake (of a remake) of *The Magnificent Seven* – an all-time favourite Western of mine – was showing at Preston's Vue cinema, in the very pleasant – and all White – suburb of Walton-le-Dale.

Well that will do it for me. So I took the number 1 Park and Ride Preston Bus to Walton-le-Dale, and arrived there just in time for the 4.20pm performance.

Now some recent movie remakes have not been setting the world on fire lately. The all-girlie *Ghostbusters* will maybe break even. *Ben-Hur* and *Tarzan* each cost – and lost – a fortune, and *Westworld* is by-passing the big screen altogether and going direct to TV (Sky in our case). So what of *The Magnificent Seven,* a remake of a remake – admittedly, one with a decent pedigree?

In Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* (1954), a pickup band of seven sword-wielding *rōnin* are hired by a Japanese farming village to protect it from bandits. Only three of them walked away at the end.

In the original 1960 *The Magnificent Seven,* John Sturges made it seven gunslingers protecting a border town from Mexican banditos. Only three of them rode out.

Now comes *The Magnificent Seven* the remake, and though the plot's essentially unchanged, the movie makers have made some clearly intentional PC updates to their time-honored formula. No Hispanic banditos this time. The bad guy is a greedy U.S. White capitalist named Bartholomew Bogue (Peter Sarsgaard). And the good guys? A rainbow coalition that would make even Bill and Hillary proud to be American!

In the original 1960 (American) remake "the seven" are all White or pass as White, as in Yul Brynner's case. However, in the 2016 remake there are but three Whites; Goodnight Robicheaux a former Confederate sharpshooter (Ethan Hawke), Jack Horne a bible-bashing Presbyterian and Indian hunter – a massive man described as a bear in people's clothes – (Vincent D'Onofrio), and Josh Faraday a ladies' man/gambler/racist (Chris Pratt).

Older readers may remember in the 1960 version the gang's leader was Chris Adams (Yul Brynner); however in the new modern PC version the gang are led by an African-American bounty hunter/warrant officer Sam Chisolm (Denzel Washington); who is joined by Billy Rocks a Chinese cowboy/knife hurler (Byung-hun Lee), Vasquez a notorious Mexican outlaw (Manuel Garcia Rulfo), and last but certainly not least Red Harvest, a face-painted Red Indian Comanche warrior (Martin Sensmeier).

Actually, I say Denzel Washington leads this multi-racial band of variously grumpy, dopey and bashful dudes, but they're actually in the employ of Emma Cullen, a White woman this time — that's another change — a woman I started to think of as a particularly aggrieved Snow White (Haley Bennett). When asked if she seeks revenge, she says she seeks righteousness, but she'll take revenge. Whistle while you work on that.

Back to Yul Brynner. He's having quite the year for a man who died more than three decades ago. HBO's tremendous new series *Westworld* debuts soon on *Sky TV,* with Ed Harris offering a wicked twist on the robot gunslinger Brynner portrayed in the original 1973 movie, which I happened to watch again recently. In a couple of months, the Tony award winning Broadway revival of *The King and I*—a musical Brynner performed onstage 4,625 times—begins its national tour. And now director Antoine Fuqua's remake of *The Magnificent Seven.* Although what would Brynner – a man not known for having politically correct views – have made of Denzel Washington inheriting his lead role? I think we can take a guess!

Though much of the movie was shot in Louisiana, there are crags and wide open plains enough that the Old Wild West vistas and the artfully shot mayhem look appropriately majestic. If you're going to have church bells crashing down from flaming steeples, director Antoine Fuqua is definitely the guy you want behind the camera.

He previously teamed up with Denzel Washington on the contemporary shoot'em-ups *Training Day* and *The Equalizer,* and he seems to really relish the sight of his star riding a horse (or even just walking beside it). At one point, Washington quietly says something like "go on, horse" and his steed obligingly saunters away to give him a clear shot at a bad guy.

As you might expect, the firepower is significantly increased this time out – I don't recall a Gatling gun in the 1960 version – and the climax, pitting Bogue's private army of 100 plus against the town's nobly heroic seven (plus local helpers) is, let's say "explosive."

None of the non-racial alterations to the 1960 movie are necessarily bad ones, but none suggest any particular daring or imagination on the part of the movie makers. And indeed, such qualities are in scant supply. Despite its 132-minute running time, Fuqua's movie has substantially simplified the storylines of its predecessors. The Seven are hired; the Seven retake the town from the industrialist's goons; the Seven train the townspeople in self-defence; the Seven wait for the inevitable climax in which the industrialist returns with a veritable army.

Said climax is unfortunately a loud and near-endless pandemonium of gunfire, punctuated by the Seven's deployment of a MacGyver-esque array of tricks and booby traps. (Pratt's early line "I've always wanted to blow something up" proves all too prescient.) The action, moreover, is harried and vague, featuring little meaningful sense of geometry or geography.

If body count is what you go to Westerns for, by all means drift into this one's corral. It's hardly magnificent, and apart from its enriched casting it's not doing anything particularly original with its premise. But it's diverting in about the way you'd expect of a remake twice removed – call it a perfectly competent seven out of ten!

If you can catch it on the big screen as I did, then do so. Although I would suggest you take a friend or two with you. I went to watch the movie alone, and I do really mean alone. After paying my eight quid to get in, the attendant directed me to screen 4 where *The Magnificent Seven* was to be shown. Although it was dark in there, I could just about make out I was the only one in there with five minutes to go. Sadly nobody else in the greater Preston metro area felt motivated enough to join me in there for the 4.20pm show, so I spent the next two and a bit hours on my tod, a very weird experience, which has never happened before, and I've been to a few hundred movies in my time. Oh well such is the life of *H&D*'s top movie reviewer!

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